Dup. U. of C.
F. N.

The 19th of the 11th Month 1645

We whose Names are here after Subscribed, having obtayned a free Grante of Twenty five Akres of Land a peece with Right of Commoning, according to the said proportion of Land, from the free Inhabitants of this Towne of Providence; doe thanke fully accept of the same; And hereby doe promise to yeyld active or passive obedience to the Authority of Mytre Parliament Established in this Collonye according to our Charter; and to all such wholsome Lawes & Orders that are or shall be made, by the Major parte of this Towne of Providence; Soe alsoe not to clayme any Right to the Share of the said plantation Nor any privilidge of Vote in Towne Affairs, untill we shall be voted as free Men of the said Towne of Providence

[illegible] Fobe Browne Pardon Tillinghast

[illegible] Thomas Clemence

[illegible]

[illegible] 1645

his mark of folded

Robert Pyke

Mathurin Bellou

Thomas TW Walton

Lawrence Wilkinson

Daniel Cumstocke

Benjamin Smith

John Smith his marke

John Clawson his marke

Thomas Cucklinkis marke

Benjamin Herden his marke

TW [illegible]

[illegible] his marke

[illegible] James Lemon his marke

Edward Inman Henery Reddocke

Samuell Wyatt

Edward Smith

John Stanner John Sayles

1645

[illegible]

So James Ayle

Daniell Brown

Cranotus Olney

John Stoor

[illegible]

[illegible]

The names of such as all this purchase money and Land [illegible]

William Harris John Greene Junior

Edward Manton Thomas Olny Junior

William Barrow Henry Brown

[illegible] Angell John Sayles

William Wickenden Roger Mowry

with man Sam: Bennett Tre: Olney

Thomas Harris Tho: TW Walton his marke

Robte West Edward Inman

Adam Goodwin Shadrack Mantt

[illegible] Browne Stuckley Westcott

Thomas Olney Daniell Williams and Gosyth Willia have paid theire

John Field purchase money

Jane Grave

Thomas Hopkins John Stanner

Edward Roades Nicholas Power

[illegible] Bowett William Field

Robert Williams John Throppe Sr

Roger Williams Valentine Whitmee

James Ashton Thomas Harris

Mathew Waller 1.0 [illegible] Joshua Winsor

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BEING THE SECOND BOOK OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE OTHERWISE CALLED THE TOWN OLD BOOK THE SHORT OLD BOOK THE OLD BURNT BOOK AND SOMETIMES CALLED THE BOOK WITH BRASS CLASPS

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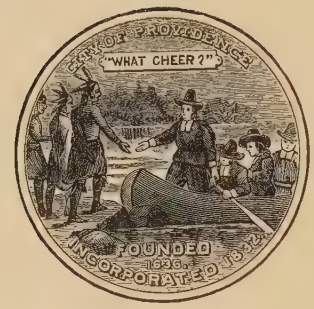

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PREFACE

THIS volume is issued under authority of a series of resolutions passed from time to time by the City Council of Providence, the first of which was approved March 6, 1891, and is as follows:

"RESOLVED, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter, and Edward Field, are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing."

On the delivery of the printed copies of this book the commissioners have sent to the City Council their second report, wherein, as in their first report, they give an account of the work so far done and state such further information in general as to the early records as they are able at this time to present. They now proceed, as in the preface to the first volume, to state the nature and manner of the work whose results are here presented.

The volume which is now reproduced in print was commenced after the "First Book Town of Providence" and has at different times been referred to in town documents and elsewhere as the "Second Book of the Town of Providence," the "Town Old Book," the "Short Old Book," the "Old Burnt Book," the "Book with Brass Clasps," and the "Short Old Book which once had Brass Clasps." The original leaves of this book are now separately fastened to or inlaid in sheets of strong paper 9¼ by 12½ inches in size, and the whole is substantially bound in dark blue leather, inscribed on the side with the words "Second Book Town of Providence." The pages in their present condition measure 5¾ inches wide and 7½ inches long.

Following the preface will be found a table showing the dates of the meetings for town purposes, which are referred to in the book now reproduced in print.

An account of the vicissitudes through which this book and other records passed in early years may be found in Staples' Annals of Providence. Receipted bills, recently discovered in the possession of the city, further show that the town records were removed in the latter part of the year 1776, by Amos Chaffe and John Waterman, Jr., to the house of the latter named, in Johnston, where they were kept "near two years," and were then brought back to Providence, and that for this service the town was charged £9. 6s.

A transcript of this book was made by authority of the town in the year 1800. Though it contained many errors, and no

attempt was made to reproduce the spelling of the original, yet it is still of value, as it has enabled the commissioners in many cases to supply defects caused by the fading of the ink and by the burning and abrasion of the edges of the leaves, for the original volume with other town records narrowly escaped destruction when the town was partially destroyed by the Indians in 1676. The transcript has also supplied the contents of a number of leaves that have been lost since it was made. The commissioners, apprehending that the object of the work required of them is the perpetuation in type of the records as they now exist, whereby the material may be preserved and become accessible to many who could not have access to the original, have retained the old orthography and, also, as far as possible, the arrangement of words on the page, especially in the headings of town meeting records, in side-notes, and wherever at the top or bottom of a page, parts of lines have been burned away and the words of the original cannot now be reproduced. Their effort has been to present to the possessor of this volume, as nearly as possible, the same information which he would receive from a perusal of the original record book.

To avoid misapprehension special attention is directed to one of the titles applied to this book, and also to the difference in the arrangement of the pages in the original in its present binding from that followed in this printed reproduction. For many years this book has been called the Book with Brass Clasps, a name which from the only recorded evidence the

commissioners have been able to find, originated when the transcript of the earliest books of the town was made in 1800; for at the end of the transcript of this particular book there is written, "Here the Second Old Book End which once had brass clasps."

There appears to be no doubt as to the identification of this book in the two schedules of the records belonging to the town, the first dated August 12, 1678, [see Appendix A, First Report of the Record Commissioners,] and the second dated April 26, 1755, [see Appendix B, First Report of the Record Commissioners,] in each of which schedules the book is designated as the Town Old Book. The book to which the name of Book with Brass Clasps was first applied, it seems clear, was a book later in date than this reproduced volume, and had that name given to it as early as August 12, 1678, [see Appendix A, First Report of the Record Commissioners,] and is now known as the Third Book Town of Providence. At this early period there was no systematic method of recording the various town affairs, and the books that were in use or had already been used were designated by arbitrary names rather than by names indicating the matter which they contained, such as the "Town Old Book," the "Long Old Book with Parchment Cover," and the "Book with Brass Clasps." On January 11, 1708–9, there was executed by Mercy Estance and Joseph Jencks, Assistant, both of the town of Providence, an indenture, now on file in Providence Town

Papers, volume 1, page 20, no. 37, on the back of which is the following indorsement: "The Jndenture on y^e^ other side of this Paper written, with y^e^ Endorsemen on the back side was Recorded in Providence Records, in y^e^ booke Called y^e^ booke with brass Claspps & in Page 338; Recorded March y^e^ 4^th^, 1708–9 ℔ Tho: Olney, Clerk./"

On page 338 of the Third Book, Town of Providence, vol. II. [as now arranged,] this instrument is duly recorded, showing beyond doubt the title of the book at that date. The original covers belonging to these two books are now preserved by the city and shed much light on this confusion of names. On one of them, parts of brass clasps remain, while on the other, the marks where clasps have been are at once apparent. From this evidence it is clear to the commissioners that the book which is herewith printed, was not the first book which had the distinctive title "The Book with Brass Clasps," but that the name became connected with it from the fact that it once had brass clasps and that there was a book which once had this particular name.

The arrangement of the leaves of the original book as now bound up, is extremely confusing. The most cursory examination shows that the position of the leaves in their original covers was widely variant from that in their present binding. Indeed, down to this time all efforts of those having occasion to use the original book in its existing condition, to restore the leaves to their proper order, have proved unavailing.

While the commissioners apprehend that their duty is to reproduce the records in type as they find them, so that the reader can gather the same information from the printed volume that he could have gained from the original, yet in this case the confusion is so great and detracts so much from the value of the volume, if it cannot be reduced to order, at least measurably, that they have spared no pains in their attempt to restore the arrangement of the text as they believe it must have originally existed. They feel it incumbent on them to shed all the light in their power on this vexed question, inasmuch as few, if any, readers, will have occasion to devote the painstaking study to the original book as now bound, that the commissioners were required to give to it in preparing it for the press. It will be observed that the book, analytically, is divided into two parts; that is, that it has been used for two different and distinct purposes; first, for recording evidences of land titles and other instruments; and, secondly, for the minutes of meetings for town purposes. One end of the book was probably used for one of these purposes and the other end for the other. As deeds or evidences of land title are not now always presented for record in the order of their dates, and less care was probably exercised at that time in this respect than at the present day, and as no note was made of the time when the deed or other instrument was entered in the book, the order of dates of the deeds or instruments affords no clue to the original and proper order of the pages. The pages, previous

to the fortieth, have therefore been printed in the order in which the originals are now bound up, with the exception of a few transpositions deemed to be justified by bringing together sentences obviously connected. In regard to the portion of the book devoted to minutes of meetings for town purposes, it was discovered that much confusion was eliminated by beginning at the end and turning the leaves backward. Hence the derangement of the leaves was in part susceptible of easy explanation. If after the original binding of the manuscript volume had come off, and the back or double edges of the leaves—the edges that in binding are sewed or secured to the covers—had worn apart, so that the book was reduced to a mere mass or pile of separate leaves, the leaves had been rebound together by their front edges, making the beginning of the original book the end of the rebound book, and *vice versa*, exactly such confusion would be produced as we find in great measure existing in the original Second Book as now rebound. What other confusion exists, not thus to be accounted for, was probably due to occasional leaves having dropped out of the mass of loose leaves before binding, and not having been restored to their proper places. But with the clue afforded as to the proper positions of the greater part of the leaves, it is not difficult to rectify the whole arrangement. Of course, where leaves have been lost there is no way to fill the gaps.

The commissioners, in the printed volume, have arranged the sequence of leaves containing the minutes of meetings for

town purposes in accordance with the explanation thus given. The reader, however, who desires to judge for himself of the reasonableness of the arrangement adopted, or who for any other purpose wishes to examine the arrangement of leaves in the manuscript as now bound, has, in order to do so, but to follow the heavy black type paging on the left hand side of the printed pages, which represents the pagination of the manuscript volume; and to enable him the better to do so a table will be found following this preface, showing on what page of the printed volume each side or heavy black type page can be found.

Before leaving this subject it may not be amiss to state that the transcript of 1800 does not follow the order in which the original pages now stand, nor any order in which the pages could possibly have been arranged, for in many cases the transcriber does not give the contents of the page consecutively, from beginning to end, but transposes different parts of the same page, thus rendering even less intelligible a confusion sufficiently great at best. It is apparent, however, from the transcript, that the reversal of leaves alluded to had occurred before the year 1800, and that the transposition of parts of pages was made by the transcriber in a vain effort to lessen the confusion.

The following method has been pursued in making this copy, as in the case of the first volume. In the first place a careful copy of the original was made under the direction of

the commissioners. They then personally compared this copy, letter by letter, with the original, and, at the same time, with the transcript of 1800, for the double purpose of assisting in the interpretation of doubtful words and also of supplying letters or words which are wanting or illegible in the original. The copy thus produced being sent to the printer, the commissioners have personally read all the proofs, comparing every letter therein with the original, and also with the copy previously prepared by them, and, in every case, receiving and reading revises until a proof sheet was received in which such vigilance as they were able to exercise could detect no error.

In the performance of this work the commissioners have been much aided by the efficient assistants who took part in the production of the first volume.

An appendix to this volume contains an extract from Staples' Annals of Providence which is thought of sufficient interest and importance to be here inserted in connection with that part of the record to which it is related.

The appendix also contains copies of three pages of the First Book of the Town of Providence which have come to the knowledge of the commissioners since the printed transcript of that book was made. The first of these leaves was perhaps the first leaf, and perhaps what may be called a fly-leaf of the original book. It seems clear to the commissioners that it was once a part of the First Book, more particularly from the consideration that the reference to a town order is in the same

form and in the same handwriting with similar references in the pages which at least as early as 1800 were part of the book. The second and third were the last leaves of that book at the time it was transcribed in 1800. The first leaf was evidently separated from the book before 1800, and the second and third were separated between 1800 and the time in 1885 when the leaves of the book were inlaid and rebound, since otherwise they would have been included in the volume by the careful and competent gentleman who had charge of that work.

In pursuing certain investigations having reference to the collection and arrangement of the early papers of the town the commissioners had occasion to examine a volume of manuscripts marked "Rhode Island Manuscripts, Vol. I., 1635–1687," which has for many years been in the possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society; and they found therein the missing leaves which are here printed. They now copy them by permission of that society.

It remains only to explain such signs used in printing as do not carry their own explanation.

The figures at the top of the pages, and enclosed in brackets, indicate the paging of this transcript.

The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book as it now stands.

Letters, words and figures in italics, are missing or illegible in the original, and have been supplied from the transcript of 1800.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

Words or letters printed in parentheses are so found in the original, thus "(so calld)."

Brackets enclosing blank space, thus, [ ] signify that something is missing from, or illegible in the original, and cannot be supplied from the transcript of 1800. The only exception occurs on page 29 of this book, where the brackets of the original are reproduced.

The sign ℘ is used to represent a contraction or double letter, which, in the original, stands for pr, and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

The character ꝺ represents a chirograph which, in the earliest pages of the original, stands for the double letter th. In the later pages the manuscript letter y is used for this purpose, and it is represented in this copy by the type y, as is the usual method in representing this letter.

In very many cases the marks made by illiterate persons to instruments, for their signatures, are reproduced in *fac-simile* on the records by the recording officer, but in print in this volume these signs are represented by X, being the conventional sign commonly used for that purpose.

With a single exception, words which were written in the original and then erased or stricken out by the pen, are disregarded in this copy. The compact of the "twenty-five acre

purchasers," however, on pages 29, 30, and 31, has been printed with all its erasures. A *fac-simile* of that compact has, likewise, been inserted in this book. By it may be more clearly understood the form of this important instrument, and by it, also, it is possible, to some extent, to understand the difficulties which have been encountered in transcribing and interpreting the chirography of the original. For the plates from which this *fac-simile* was printed, the commissioners are indebted to Alfred Metcalf, Esq., executor of the will of Henry J. Steere, Esq., late of Providence.

HORATIO ROGERS,
G. M. CARPENTER,
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Providence, January, 1893.

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SECOND BOOK

TOWN OF

PROVIDENCE

[1]

27 July 1642

This day it was agreed that Thomas Ollnea shall haue The parsell of land Containing 6 Acors of land neer the place Called bayleas Coaue being without the line The sayd To ollnea shall fence the aforesayd land with a suffisyente fence and maintaine the same for ever or else he shall not recouer any satisfactione for any damage done by Catle vpone the aforesayd land

Jt is allsoe agreed the same day that any mane vpone the like ocatione shall haue the like preuiledge That is Jf any man will lay downe his 6 acors one the neck he may haue 6 acors elcwhere prouided he or they and theyre hayers maintain a suffishent fenc for euer

The 27 of *the* 5 month 1643 — it was granted by the generall that william man shall laye doun 5 an twenty Acors of ground which was part of his threcore Acors lo*t* and to take up 5 an twenty Acors for it on the south sid of long coue to Chang with nickolas pouer for 5 an twentey Acors of his lying on the south sied of winosquatuket reuer as hee dide desire

[2]

Laide out unto Thomas Olney junior, in the yeare i66i a percell of Land Land Lieing on the south side of that percell of Land which was Laid out unto him for part of his house

In the original a line is drawn across the first two paragraphs of the first page.

Lott betweene that percell of Land and the mill adjoyning to the River which Runeth to the mill on the East sid | of the Riuer | the said Land lieth, it goeth south unto An old stumpe marked; on the west side A white oake Tree marked for a Range: the said old stumpe standing on the south East corner, and from that stumpe southwardly to the way which goeth downe to the mill and from thence southwest downe to moshosick River This said pece of Land was Laid out by Tho: Olney Senr Towne Deputye

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Tho: Olney Junior his 60. acres and 20 acres | of Land | Laid out unto him in one percell on the South side of the ffeildes caled Wanskuck ffeilds Bounding on the north East Corner with A Red oake Tree marked, on the south | East | corner with A stake drove into the ground on the norwest corner with a walnutt Tree marked, and on the south west corner with a walnutt Tree marked Bounding on the west side, on the north End and on the East side with the comon | and | on the south End with the | comon |
Laid out in the yeare 1655 by Richard Waterman
Thomas Harris Senior Towne Deputies

[3]

the 20 of May 1643 it was agreed by the generall that Matthew wesen shall haue that hom share of ground which lieth betwen Robert nash and John lippet allso that hee shall haue thre akers of madoe ground whare hee think it moste convenent which is not alrady laid out but if the said matthew wasen be absant

from the toun aboue eightten monthes leuing nither wife nor child heare the afor saide land shall fall in to the townes hand again

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Mounth the 3rd day the 20th = 1644 | daniell abbot | hath | sould vnto Robert Moris 20 acres of vpland the west side next the mere bank by the three corner ponde the east and South part next the comon | and | the north part next a high. | way | allso one share of medow the west part boundid with the medow of william Man the east part with spectakle pond the north and south sides bounded with the comon. allso 60 acres bounded | on the east | with the land of Edward Manton the west and south parte with the comon and the north part with a mere banke by wennasquatugug river. allso one other share of medow the north part next the riuer | and runit | the east *part* [ ]
the medow ground of edward manton on th [ ]
west part next the comon. allso [ ]
part next the riuer | of | wennasquatug*ag* [ ]
part with the land of adam goo*d* [ ]

[4]

the east part with the land of Chad Browne and the south part with the mere bank

the 17 day of the 4 mounth 1644

Robert Moris hath sould vnto William Man one share of medow the west part | bounded | with the medow ground of

the said William Man the east part with spectakle pond the north and south parts with the comon

The 27 of the 11th monet^{h} 1644
Edward Manton Bought of Robert Morris one share of meddow Bounding on ye | halfe | share of the said Edward Manton on ye east the north ꝑte bounded on ye riuer and | runit | the south and west ꝑtes bounded vpon ye Comon

The 27 of the 11th moneth 1644
Robert Morris Sould vnto Robert Williams, his house and all his home share as it is now laid out beyond ye Swamp Bounding on ye land of William Renols on *the North* on the land of Chad Browne
[ ] South on ye west wth ye high-
[ ] *the* east wth the Comon

[**5**]
The 27 of the 11th moneth 1644
William Renolds Sould vnto Robert Williams all his houses and home share with 3 small pesse of meddow on Called Romles Marsh on called the litl^{e} Flood and the other the litle patch of meddow lying ouer against the litle flood: the said last peess is to be fenced. his house lot Bounding vpon the north wth the ground of Stukely Westcot on ye South wth Robert Morris ground: on ye east and west with the Comon

The 27 of the 11th moneth 1644
Hugh Bewet Sould vnto William Hawkins his home share

of land Bounding on ye north w^th^ the land of John Lippet on the south w^th^ the land of the said william Hawkins on ye east and west w^th^ ye Comon

The 27 of the 11^th^ moneth 1644

William Renolds Sould Vnto William ffeild on share of land Called 6 ackers lying vpon the hill Called ffoxes Hill Bounding on ye land of ffrancis Wicks on the east and South east on *the* highe way on the north or [ ]
on the west and north wes*t* [ ]
mile end Coue the saide will [ ]

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The 27 of the 11^th^ moneth 1644

William ffeild Sould Vnto William Wickenden all the share of land Called 6 ackor lying vpon the hill Called ffoxes Hill Bounding on ye east and South easte with the land of ffrauncis wicks on the north and north east w^th^ the highe way on the west and north west w^th^ mile end Coue on the South, with the sea

The 27 of the 11^th^ moneth 1644

Ezekiell Holiman Sould Vnto John ffeild 25 Ackers of land Bounding on the land of Thomas Angell on the south only a high way between on ye north w^th^ the land of John Warner on ye east w^th^ the medow of Ezekiell holiman on ye west w^th^ ye Comon

Also Ezekiell Holliman Sould vnto John ffeild on share of meddow Bound*ing* on ye east w^th^ the sea on ye north with ye sea on ye south and west with the land of Ezekiell holiman and only a highe way is to be let for a [ ]

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The 27 of the 11^th^ moneth 1644
William Renolds Sould Vnto John Greene on Peesse of ground Called Renolds his Point Bounding on ye north w^th^ a highe way on the south w^th^ the meddow of Roger williams and west on the east w^th^ the sea and Beach

The 27 of the 11^th^ moneth 1644
Hugh Bewet Sould vnto the generall People of the Towne of Prouide*nce* his houses and home share of ground Bounding vpon the land of Richard Waterman on the north on the land of Stukly Westcot on the south on the east wi^th^ the Comon on the west wi^th^ the highe way

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The 14^th^ of the 2 moneth 1645 at our moneth Court before vs the deputies we record That William ffeild sould vnto thomas olney on tenne Acres of ground lying vpon the south side of the Riuer Called wenosquetuc*ket* Bonding vpon the land of thomas Olney on the east a meer bancke | on the south | of the land of Jane Seare on the west and a slipe of *Meadow* of Thomas Olney on the *North*

[**8**]
The 14^th^ of the 2 moneth 1645
William ffeild sould unto William Hawkins on share of

medow Lying in ye Great medow Bounding vpon ye fresh Riuer on the west on the land of william feild on the east on ye Comon on the south /

The 11th of the 11th moneth 1642

William Arnold sould vnto Thomas Olney all the Right and Title that the Said William Arnold hath or doth belong vnto him in all the land that he hath lying in the Bounds of prouidence excepting his house share and housing also excepting his 6 acres lying ouer against the point called watchamoket and a litle plot of ground also excepted lying before the lot that was ffrauncis wickses and Benedict Arnold these only excepted | wth his Comon | he hath sould vnto him all elce his prop Right and Title also he hath sould vnto him 2 acres at the east end of his house share also if any more ground be *laid out* vnto william Arnold then that [ ] specefied in this wrighting then

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the one halv of that ground to belong to Thomas Olney

The 2nd of the 4th moneth 1644

Adam Goodwin Sould vnto Robert Morris on 3 skore acre lot Bounding vpon the north end wth a pond the west end wth a Comon the south and east end wth the Comon

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The 27th of the 2nd month 1646 —

William Reinold sould vnto Tho: Laton his vallen conteyning foure score Acres and three Acres of meddow bounding vpon the North & West with the Common, the South with a

Swampe on the east with Pautuckett Riu*er* Provided that if in Case hereafter the Town shall be put to any chardge about Jndians that he or they that doth possesse the Land sha*ll* pay their share pro

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The 21 of September 1646

William Wickenden sold unto Christopher Unthank his house & home = Lot, excepting two = pole Square of ground, on the South Corner next the Street w^ch^ Natha*niel* Dickens now possesseth The 2 of the 4^th^ *Month 1651.* Memorandũ that these words w^ch^ N*athaniel* [ ] now possesseth are the words of the [ ] *were express'd therein.*

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The 7^th^ of the 12^th^ m. 1647 (called)

Thomas Harris sold unto Thomas Clemence his five acres of land adjoyning to Thomas Angels, ouer against the Towne.

The 25 of December 1648 so called

William Barrowes sold vnto Nicholas Power a five acre lot that was William Wickenden's adioyninge to Nicholas Powers one lot and compas^th^ about with the high way.

The *1 st* of January 1648 so called Adda*m* Goodin sold vnto Richard Osbon all his right in Providence both housinge & all other Priuileidges onely the sayd Richa*rd* Osbon hath granted Addam Goodin th*e* house & yard duringe his wiues life, onl*y* the sayd Addam Goodin is to repaire it

The 10th of the 3d m. 1649 (called).

Stukly Westcot sold unto Thomas Olny (the 4th of the 3d m. 1649 (called) his 6 acre Lot lying up Wanasquatuget Riuer, bounding upon the plaine of Wanasquatucket on the East & North = east, north = nor West, & on the medow of the said Thomas Olny with part of the aforesaid Riuer on the South South = west, & west, the said bounds begiñng from an old Oake tree by the brink of the bank next the said Riuer of Wanosquatucket, on that side next the now Town of Prouidence, and ruñeth all *along* on the brow or top of that Hollow, in a mañer *Corner* = wise, unto another white oake tree [ ] Side of this Land aforesaid.

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The 4th of the 12th moneth, 1649 (called:)

Josuah Windsor sold unto Gregory Dexter his share of Medow on the West side of Mooshasuck River the 3d of the 9th moneth 1648. (called

The 27 of the 5th m. 1650 (called.) Mr Robert Williams. sold unto Mr Blackstone his 60. acres of upland | more or lesse | & 2 shares of Medow, as it was layd out by Thomas Harris &. Hugh Bewet the said Land lying above the second Wading = place above Pawtucket ffalls, provided, that if in case hereafter the Towne shall be put to any charge about Jndians, that he or they that do possesse the said Land, shall pay their share

The same day above = said./

Richard Osborne sold unto Thomas Harris the house &

house Lot, w^ch^ the said Richard Osborne bought of Adam Goodwin, only the said Adam Goodwins wife shall have liberty to dwell in the said house according to the agreement made & reservd at first by the said adam.

The same day:

Nathanael Dickens sold unto Arthur ffeñer 6. acres of upland | more or lesse | & 2 spots of Medow w^ch^ is ffenced lying upon Seaconque River, the said upland lying against the said Medow, w^ch^ is Salt = marsh . /

The same day

Nathanael Dickens sold unto Nicholas Power his home - Lot lying next to Widow Sayers her home = Lot.

The same day.

Richard Osborne sold unto Thomas Roberts one share of Medow w^ch^ the said Richard Osborne bought of *Adam Goodwins*, Lying upon Mooshawsuck River on [ ] *Nicholas Power first Share of* [ ]

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The 27 of the 11^th^ m. 1650 . /

M^r^ Throckmorton sold unto M^r^ Sayles the house & Lot w^ch^ was Nathanael Dickens, w^ch^ | m^r^ Throckmorton bought of | m^r^ Ralph Earle formerly belonging to William Wickenden

Hugh Bewet sold unto Richard Waterman his house & house = Lot, lying next to the house & Lot of the said Richard Waterman, whereon he now dwels. and on the South side lyeth Stewkly Westcots home = Lot.

James Ashton Changed Land w^th^ William Hawkins after this wise viz. he gave to the said William Hawkins two acres of his 5 acre Lot | next the Vineyard | at Pawtuxit, for a share of meadow belonging to the said William Hawkins, the said medow being thus bounded on the South side lyeth William Harris, and on the North side lyeth m^r^ Throckmorton in the great Medow

The 27 of the 11^th^ m 1651

Gregory Dexter sold unto John Smith two shares of Meadow lying by William Barrows his Medow on the South side of the West River.

Joshua Windsor sold unto John Smith his six acre Lot lying by William Barrows his Medow at the West side neere New = bridge

The 27. of the 2^nd^ m. 52.

John Green sold unto William ffield two shares of Medow lying about half a mile North = ward from the great Medow, on both sides Mooshasuck River, w^th^ an addition the Town *gave* to him there, the North side bounded w^th^ an Oake [ ] | two | sides ranging to the said River, w^ch^ lyeth [ ] *side* of the said River, the South bounds the [ ] *west side the said river*, the South [ ]

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the hill, the north sid a tree marked on 4 sides in the division also betwixt Nicholas Powers 2nd Share & his . /

The Said John Green _____

Sold also to the Said William ffield 17 acres of land, w^ch^ did

consist of two 6 acre Lots, & his house = Lot, w^ch^ Land the Said William ffield hath taken up at Snay*l* hill.

The said day

William Wickenden sold unto William ffield one Shar*e* of Medow lying on the South = side of Putchaset, bou*nd*ed on the East = side w^th^ Widdow Brownes Medow, & on the West side with the hill

The 12^th^ of the 3^d^ m. 52. /

Stuckley Westcot sold unto Samuel Beñet his house & house Lot lying betwixt Richard Waterman & Robert Williams house Lot, w^th^ Orchard, & all other appurtenances thereto belonging also his first share of Medow lying on the West of Wanasquatucket River, w^ch^ Said Meddow is bounded on the West = side ther*eof* w^th^ Benedict Arnolds Meddow. And also 25 acres of upland next adjoining unto his said Meddow on the North & East sides thereof, with all his Right & Priviledges on that side the said River, acccording to a deed given to the said Samuel Bennet /

Ralph Earle sold unto M^r^ Sayles nine acres of Medow, w^ch^ is in two ℘cells, w^ch^ was the pro℘ right of Nathanael Dickens, 3 acres wherof lyeth by the west River, one end being bounded w^th^ a great Pine tree, & w^th^ an Aspine tree at the South end, & 6 acres adjoy*n*ing to a 60 acre Lot w^ch^ was the right of the abov*e*said Dickins took up, as also another 60 *Acre lot* w^ch^ was the right of the said *Nathaniel* Dickens

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William Wickenden Sold unto M^r^ Sayles two = pole Square w^ch^ he excepted in his deed to Christopher Unthank, lying at

the South side of M^{r} Sayles now home = Lot, next unto the high wayes

The 13th of the 10th m 52 /

Thomas Harris sold unto Edward Jnman an acre of Land more or lesse lying by the side of the said Thomas Harris his medow by mooshawsuck River, bounded with a white oak on the South Side or end upon the bank, the middle of the run on the north end, the meddow on the West & the range streight on the east from markt tree to markt tree.

The 3^{d} of the 11th m. 52. /

Robert Coles sold unto Richard Pray & Mary the wife of the said Richard Pray his house & house = Lot lying betwixt the home = Lot of Thomas Olny, | on the South | & the high=way whereon the pound standeth on the north

The 28th of Aprill i654

Tho: Slow sould vnto John Sayles | his right off | one hundred and five and twentie Acres of vpland together *wi*th his medow Called many holes

The 28th off Aprill i654

John Sayles Sould vnto John ffitz and to Tho*mas* Wilmott a parcell of land contayning 60 Acr*es* comonly Called Reynolds his Valley Provi*ded that in* case heerafter the Towne shall *be* put to *any char*ge about Jndians that he or they *that* [ ] the said land pay their share

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The 28th of April 1654.

Joshua winsor sould *unto Henry ffowler 60. Acres of Up-*

land together with a share of *Meadow*, the medow bou*nd*ed with a share of medow at neudaconkonet belonging to John Brown, on the South and a Pond on the North and East and the Comon on the west the 60 Acres bounded with 60 Acres Southward of William Barrowes and 60 Ac*res* belonging to Chade Browne formerly on the North the East part agst Pachasett | River | and the west with a Pond

The 28th of Aprill i654

John ffenner Sould vnto Robert Collwell the house and hous l*ot* wch was formerly Richard Prayes lying betwixt Edward Jnmans and John Smiths.

William Barrowes acknoledged to have sould un*to* Arthur ffenner and to Henry Brown one sh*are* off medow lying at newdaconkonett adjoyneing *unto* Pachasett river with five and twentie Acres off vpland lying on the East and on *the* west s*ide* of the medow

The 28th off Aprill i654

Valintine Whitman Sould vnto Henry ffouller a 5 Acre Lott neere vay Bossett bounded by the h*igh* way on the South Side on the north sid the 5 Acr*e* Lott formerly belonging to John Throckmorto*n* on the East by Henry rights medow

The 19th of the ist m. 54 : /

Thomas Harris sold unto James Braddish about 5 acres of Land wch is part of his 6 acres by Edward Jnmans house, & a small Piece of medo*w* therein Contayned, bounded on the

west sid the River Mooshawsuck, John Clawson Northerly, & the Comon on the east, south Edward Jnmans Land

Richard Osborne sold unto James Braddish 5 acres of Land lying betwixt Widow Brownes lot, & Widdow Sayers his Lot butting upon Wonasqua*tucket*

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Moreover the said Osborne sold unto the said James Bradish his right in Comon w^ch^ the said Osborne bought of Adam Goodwin

The 27. of. 2: mo: 55 Huhg Bewit Sold to John Smith Miller two second shares, one of his owne right & the other w^ch^ he bought of John Lippit

Jan: 28^th^ 1655, it was recorded; Rob: Coles Sold to Vall: Whitman | his | ℘cell of meddow & 25 akers of upland bounded to y^e^ Southward w^th^ m^r^ ffrogmortons meddow & to the Northward w^th^ a Swamp

Steevhen Northup Sold unto Will: Haukins a Share of Meddoe lying on y^e^ west riv*er* next adioineing to Will: Wickendell being bounded at y^e^ East end w^th^ a pine tree & at y^e^ west End w^th^ an aspen tree Aug: 27^th^ 1656.

Apr: 27^th^ 1657 Jo^n^ Green Sen^r^ sold to Vall: Whitman a house lot lying between the Lot of Will: Harris on y^e^ North & Edward Manton on y^e^ South:

May 2^nd^ (57) Jo^n^ Smith Sold to Gregor*y* Dexter & Tho:

Robbards a 60 Aker Lot lying on y^e^ farther Side y^e^ Mill Riuer bounded

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Dec 7^th^ (57) Hen: Reddock Sold unto Roger Moorie 4 Akers more or less being boun*ded* on y^e^ North w^th^ Tho: Sucklings Lot on y^e^ west by a high way on y^e^ East by a Common on y^e^ South by a High way.

15^th^ 11^th^ (57) Rob: Colwell Sold unto Roger Moorie his dwelling house & Lot where on it Standeth containeing 4 Akers more or lesse w^th^ the addition before y^e^ fence likewise his share of meddowe bordering by Jo^n^ Brownes piece o*f* meddowe at y^e^ heade of y^e^ Second Runn w^ch^ comet*h* into y^e^ west River at y^e^ North Side thereof.

24^th^ Jan: (57) Sam: Bennet Sould unto Ric*hard* Pray a house Lot bounded on y^e^ East w^th^ y^e^ Co*m*mon lookeing towards y^e^ greate Swamp on *the* west w^th^ y^e^ high way on y^e^ South w^th^ y^e^ home shar*e* of Tho: Suckling & on y^e^ North w^th^ y^e^ home shar*e* of Edw: Smith.

Jan 25^th^ 1657 Rich: Pray Sould unto Epinetu*s* Olnie a home Lot w^ch^ he y^e^ Sayd Rich: bought of Sam: Bennet being bounded on y^e^ East w^th^ y^e^ Common lookeing toward y^e^ great Swam*p* on y^e^ West w^th^ y^e^ high way on y^e^. North w^th^ y^e^ house

Share of Edw: Smith on y^e South^h w^th y^e house Share of Tho: Suckling.

Jan: 25^th (57) Tho: Wallin Sould unto Richar*d* Pray his home Share of Land y^t I had of y^e Tow*n* bounded on y^e North w^th y^e Land of Jo^n Jones. on y^e South w^th y^e land of Tho: Renols on y^e west & East w^th y^e Common of Providence allso one share of meddowe Bounded on y^e Sou*th*

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*wi*th y^e meddowe of Jones up Small Brook *on* y^e other parte w^th y^e Common of Providence

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Prouidence the 7^th of June

John Smith of Prouidence, Mason, Sold vnto Samuel Comstock, his house & house lott, with the Appurt theire vnto belonging | as is | Manefessted by a deede vnder John Smith his hand, this Saide deede beareing date March the i^th, 1654) this house lott is bounded on the East with the Comon, on y^e west with y^e high way: /

July 24: 58

Richard Pray hath taken vp the Sharpe peece of land lyeng neere the place where Rich watermans Great Cannoo was made, for a Share of meddow, it being layde out By the towne deputy it being bounded one the South with a white oake at Each Corner, also on the North with a white oake at each Corner; on west with a black oke tree: /

* Aug 6th

Roger Moorie testifieth that his Sonn Beniamin Moorie was borne on ye 8th of M*ay* in ye yeare 1649 & yt his sonne Tho: Moorie was born on ye 19th of July in ye yeare (52)

Marie Sailes ye daughter of Jon & Mari*e* Sayles was borne on ye 11th July in ye yeare 1652

Jon Sailes ye Sonne of Jon & Marie Sail*es* was borne ye 17th of August in ye year 1654.

Hannah ye daughter of Roger & Mari*e* Morie was Borne ye 28th Sept: 1656

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Christo Smith his land Recorded

July 24 (1658)

Christophar Smith hath taken vp 60 acres of la*nd* and one Share of meddow, lyeing about a mile from | the place cald | *Beuets* Brow, it his vpland lyeng one both sides of Moshos*et* Riuer, this land being 60 pole wide and 160 pole long this Share of meddow lyeing on the north Side of *this* Saide land, also on the North Side of the aboue saide *river* this meddow haueing a narrow slang goeth from it to the aforsaide Riuer:

Epenetus Olney hath taken vp 60 Acres of land this la*nd* lieng vpon moshoset Riuer about a mile above the place wh*ich*

* At this point the book was reversed, and the remaining entries on page 16 of the original were written from the bottom toward the middle of the page.

is Comonly Called by the name of buets brow, this saide land lyeing at the East End of Christophar Smith his 60 Acres; it lyeing on Both sides of this saide Riuer it lieng 60 pole wide & 160 Pole long: /

Epenetus Olney hath taken vp one Share of meddow this meddow lyeing on the South Side of the Riuer which Runeth through that Meddow which is Comonly Called Obeseruation Meddow; bounded on the 4 Corners at Each Corner a tree, Each tree being Marked on 4 sides: /

That lott which lieth next vnto the house of Grigory Dexter in the next feilld vnto the saide Grigogorey his dwelling house on the North side theire of, it hath binn vpon Good Consideration, Accknoledged by this Towne to bee Thomas Roberts his owne true Right;

Thomas Clement hath taken vp a | house lott being graunted by the *Town* | lieing vpon Wanasquatucket Riuer bounded on the South with *the* Riuer. on the East with the Common, on the North with a white oake tree marked, on the west with a swamp laid out by m^r^ Sayles

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Pvidence the 27^th^ of January 1648

Thomas | Harris Senior | in the face of the Court accknowledgeth, that he hath Sold vnto Thomas Clement that land which the saide Thomas Clement now dwelleth vpon: /

The Same day in the face of the Court | John Sayles | acc-

knowledged that he Sold vnto Thomas Walling a share of meddow that was Nathaniell Dickens his. and 60 acrs of vpland, that was the saide Nathaniell Dickens his, the saide vpland lieng on the north side of the saide meddow: /

At a Towne meeting the 7th of the 12 mo: 1658
Recorded that Tho: Clement hath taken vp a ℙcell of land to the valve of 3 acors more or lesse the which land the Said Tho: Clement bought of this Towne bounded on the south wth the land of | Robert Williams | bound on the North with the land of Rich Scott on the East with the land which Tho: Clement now dwelleth upon on the west with the land of Benedict Arnold:

Edward Jnman hath taken vp on sheare of meddow lieing on the North side of the home Share of George Way: the which land faceth vpon the Comon high way on the east and and North bounded with the Comon

Richard Prey hath taken up 6 acors of land lieing next unto John Clossons 5 acors

Mr John Greene hath sold vnto William ffeilld 2 Sheares of meddow and 2 : 6 acors. and a 5 acors : these sheares of meddow lieing vpon Moshasuck Riuer : the 5 : acors: and : 6 acor Lieng neer *Snail hill, the 5 Acres being a house lot.*

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Januarey the 27 1648

Thomas Angell of ℘vidence sold vnto James Mattason a fiue acre lott lieng on the East Side of the land whic*h* Thomas Clement now liueth vpon bounded on the East with the land of Benedick Arnold on the North wi*th* the Sea as is manefested by a deede vnde*r* his hand:

William Carpenter of Pautuxet sold vnto Thoma Clement of ℘vidence on percell of land to the value of 5 acres more or lesse the which land lieth on the south side side of the riuer Calle*d* wanasquatucket Boundeing on the East with a peece of salt march belongeing vnto Rober*t* Williams and with the salt water on the wes*t* with a ℘cell of salt march belongeing vnto Hen*ry* Wright on the North with the Riuer of Wanasquatucket and on the south with the Commo*n* as is maniffested by a deede vnder his hand: /

John Jones of ℘vidence Sold vnto George Shep*ard* on ℘cell of meddow and also a peece of low Sw*a*mpey land adjoyning vnto the south Corner of the same, the said land lieing on both sides of the broke Caled small brooke, bounding on the East with the Comon, bounding o*n* the west with a high way, on the North with the Comon on the south with the Comon, as is maniffested by a deede vnder the sade John Jones his hand: /

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The 14th of may 1654

William ffeild of ℘vidence Sold vnto George Shepard that house and land, which George Shepard liued in on the 14th of may in the yeare 1654 as | is | maneffested by a deede vnder his hand:

The 27th of Aprill 1659

Rogger Mawrey in the face of the Court accknowlegeth, that he sold vnto Robert Colwell The house and land, which Robert Colwell now dwelleth in, and on, the said lott being bounded on the East with the Comon, on the west with the high way on the north, with the land of Edward Jnman, on the South with the land of John Smyth: /

* Know all men that I Robert Williams ingage my selfe in the sume of tenne pou for the appearance of John Sweet, when he sh bi called for by the Coñittee, the next Court of tryall held the 2nd day of next moneth

Robert Williams

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June 13th in obedience to an order made at ye last generall Court Roger Morie did desire to haue entred in ye Towne Book two ankers of Strong waters wch he sayth he Bought of mr ffrogmorton

June 16th mr ffrogmort gaue me notice of three Ankers Strong waters

Edw: Jnman one Anker liquors

July 9th Henrie fowler anker liquers

* At this point the book was reversed and the remaining entry on page 20 of the original was written from the bottom toward the middle of the page. This latter entry has lines drawn across it in the original, and the transcript made in 1800 does not contain a copy of it.

July 9th Edward Tayler 2 Anker liquors

July 21th Rog : Morie two Ankers liquors

August 1st Rich Pray 2 Anker Liqurs

August 2nd Jon Sayles for his owne score 1 Anker

August 3rd Mr ffowler 2 Ankers liqrs

August 15th Pray 5 anker Sacke & 1 anker brandie

Rog Morie Sept 8th 2 Ankers liqrs

Mr ffowler Sept 9th 4 Ankers liqurs

Novem Eddw: Tayler 5 Ankrs liqrs

idem Jon Sayles 5 Ankrs liqrs

Novem: 13th Anna Williams 6 Ankers Sack

Marie Pray 6 ankers of Sack Apr: 15th 1656

Marie Pray 9 ankers of Sack May 10th 1656

Jon Sayles May 10th 1 anker liqrs 1656.

Rob: Williams June 16th 8 Ankers liqrs

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Edw: Tayler 15 Ankers June 16th

Rog: Morie July 29th 4 Ankers liqrs

Hen: ffowler July 29th 10 Ankers.

October 22th 1656 Ben: Smith 1 hogshead Sack

Octo: 27th Will: ffield: 2 hogshead, & one pipe Sack

Octo: 27 Rog: Moorie 3 ankers Rumm.

Dec 3rd Hen: ffowler 7 Ankers Rumm

Dec 14th Rog: Moorie 2 Barrills Sack

May 29th 1657 Rich: Pray 3 ankers Sack

May 29th 1657 Hen: ffowler 3 ankers Rumm

June ye 10th Hen: ffowler 2 ankers ½ Rumm

June ye 10th Edw: Jnman 2 ankers Rumm

June ye 18th Rich: Pray 2 quarters cask sack and 2 ankers & halfe liqrs

August 3rd Hen: ffowler 10 Ankers Rumm

August 3rd Edw: Jnman 1 Anker Rumm

Octo: 1st Rich: Pray 1 brll Sack

Octo: 1st mr ffowler 4 ankers Rumm

Octo: 2nd Ben: Smith 1 hogssd Sack

Octo: 6th Will: ffield 4 ankers Brandie

Rich: Pray 2 Ankers ½ Wine

Rich: Pray 2 Ankers ½ Liqrs.

Apr: 1st Hen: ffowler 4 Ankers liqr

Apr: 28th Hen: ffowler 5 Ankers Rumm

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in the yeare 1658

Junᵉ 26 Richard Pray landed 2 Quarter Caskes of Wine

July 27 Hennery fowler landed 5 Ancrs of Strong Liqurs

Agust 6th Steuen Arnold of pautuxet Gaue notis to Record 2 ancers of Strong liquors, the wch is heere ℔formed

July the 30th Hennery ffowler landed 5 ancers of Strong liquors

October the 9th — Richard Pray Landed 2 ancers of Strong Liquors : /

October the 16 — Richard Pray Landed 2 quarter Caskes of wine, and also a small vesell besides;

Nouemr the 22 — William ffenner Landed 5 Ancrs & a halfe of Liquors and one Ancer of Wine : /

Nouemr the 22 — Wm ffeild Landed 3 Gallons of Liquors /

Decemr the 5th — Wm Arnold of Pautuxett Gaue notis that hee one Ancre of Liquors : Landed : /

May the 28 (i659) Hennery ffowler landed one Ancre of Rumm : /

September the 13 : 59 Richard prey gave notice that he had Landed 3 Quarter Caskes of Wine, and one ancre of Liquors;

October the 9th : 59 : Henery ffowler gave notice he had Landed 7 ancrs of Liquors:

October the 14 : | 59 | William ffenner gave notice hee had Landed 2 Ancars of Liquors

Januarey the 2nd Hennery ffowler gave notice that hee had Landed 2 Ancrs of Liquors : /

May the 14 1660 William Carpenter and Zachariah Roades gave notice that they had Landed one Ancor of Liquors

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May the 16th 1660 Steeven Arnold of pautuxett gave notice to Record foure Ancors of Liquors

May the 21 | 1660 | Wim Arnold of pautuxett gave notice hee had Landed one Ancor of Liquors; i660:

June the 24: 1660) Henery ffowler gave notice he had Landed one Ancor of Liquors

June the 25 : | 1660 | Richard prey gave notice he had Landed 3 : Vesels of Wine containeing of 22 gallons A peece; and 2 Ancors of Rum

Septembr the 9th 60 Henery ffowler Landed 3 Ancors of Liquors

October the 16th i660 Richard Prey landed 4 Barrills of Wine : /

1661 May the 22 : Steeven Arnold of Pautuxett gave notice that hee had Landed 6 Ancors of Liquors : /

June the 23^{d}: | i66i | William. Harris Landed 5 Ancors of Liquors

July the 9 : | 6i : | William ffeild gaue notice hee had Landed 2 Ancors of Liquors : /

November the 9th i662 William ffeild gave notice to record a quarter Caske of Liquors

March the 12th i663 : William ffield gave notice that he had Landed to the quantetye of 10 ancors of Strong liquors : /

June the 13th : 1663 William Harris Landed 10 Ancres of Liquo^{rs}

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Jully the 8th i663 Stephen Arnold gave notice to Record 4 ancrs of Liqo^{r}

July the 27 : i663 Edward Jnman gave notice, he had landed 2 ankers of Liquors : /

September the 3^{d} 1664 Arthur ffenner gav*e* Notice, that he had Landed to the quantety of 3 ancres of Liquors

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Janeuary y^{e} 23rd | 1667 | William Hawkins jun^{r} gaue notice to be Recorded that he vpon the 22nd of this Jnstant tooke vp a Stray maire of a | darke | bay Couller with fowre white specks of Saddle gauls thre on the left side and one on the Right side and a white Speck, on the hinder part of the neere foote before neare the hoofe and marked with a fore Gad on her Right Eare

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Providence the 7th of the 12 mo: 1658

John Smy th his 5 acors

John Smith hath taken upp 5 acors off land lieing on the North Side of Richard Pray his Six acors, the Riuer of moshoseck bounding on the west, on the East with the Comon, the South with the Comon, on the North with the land of Edward Jnman: this land joyneing to the Swampe which Edward Jnman tooke vp for a Share of meddow: /

the 27th of aprill 59

Robert Colwell his house, lott

Layde out vnto Robert Colwell by Richard Waterman Towne Deputey a home share or house Lott lieing on the East Side of that lott which Robert Colwell his dweling House now Standeth on, and also on the | easte | side of the home Share of Edward Jnman, bounding on the west with a high way; on the East with the Comon, on the north with the Comon, on the South with the [ ] land with the | land | of Christophar Smyth

George Palmer hath taken Vp a peece of low land lieing on the Side of the West Riuer neere wanskuck in lew of Pte of on Share of meddow, bounded on the north with the Riuer, on the South with a hill, and a Red oake on the West end, a White oake on the East End, laid out by John Sayles Towne Deputey: /

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The 19th : of the ii :th Month 1645 /

Wee Whose Names are heere after Subscribed, having obteyned a free Grante of Twenty five Akers of Land a peece with Right of Commoning, according to the said proportion of Land; from the free Jnhabitants of this Towne of providence; doe thankfully accept of the Same; And heereby doe promise to yield Actiue; or passiue Obeydience, to the Authority of [X King, & parliament,] established in this Collonye; according to our Charter; and to all Such wholesome Lawes, & Orders, that are or Shall be made, by the Major consent of this Towne of Providence; As alsoe not to clayme any Righte, to the Purchasse of the Said plantation; Nor any privillidge of Vote, in Towne Affaires; untill we shall be received, as free = Men of the said Towne of Providence: /

The State of England

~~John ——~~*	~~Richard hercert~~
John Browne	Pardon Tillinghast
~~William X Vaughhan~~	John X Joanes
~~John Elderkin~~	Thomas Clemence
Willia ffenner	George Sheperd

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Robert Pyke
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Thomas. X Walrain. /
Lawrence X Wilkinson
Daniel X Cumstocke . /
Benimen
Smith
John Smith X his marke . /
John Clawson. his marke. X
Thomas Sucklin his marke X
Benjamin Herden his marke X
~~X Thomas Westone. /~~
~~his marke. /~~
~~Abner Ordway~~ ~~James Leonard X his marke /~~
Edward Jnman Henry Reddocke
Samuell Bennett
Edward Smith
John ffenner Jo^{n} Sayles

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George X Waye .
~~Bartholme X Threeneeles~~

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The names of Such *as have paid* all their purchase money and haue quittan*ces*

william harris
Edward Manton
william Burrows
Tho Angell
William Wickenden
will man
Thomas harris
Robte west
Adam Goodwin
Chad Browne
Thomas Olney
John ffeild
jEane Seare
Thomas Hopkins
Edward Hearte
Huge Bewett
Robert Williams.
Roger williams
James Ashton
Mathew Waller
Arthur ffenner

John Greene Junior
Thomas Olny Junior
Henry Broun
John Sayles
Roger Mawry
Sam: Bennet
Epe: Olney
Tho: X Wallin
his marke
Edward Enman
Shadrach Mant*on*
Stuckley Westcott
Daniell Williams
and Joseph Willia*ms*
have paid there
purchase money
John ffenner
Nicholas Power
William feild
John Whipple Se*nr*
Valintin Whitma*n*
Thomas Harres
Joshua Winsor
Thomas Barros

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The 27th of Aprill 1659

Richard Waterman of ℔vidence Sold vnto Thomas Olney of ℔vidence Senr, a litle Spott or Spots of meddow, the which meddow lieth Jntermingled with a ℔cell of land which formerly belonged Vnto William Arnold of Pautuxett, and by him Conueied vnto the aforsaide Thomas Olney, the saide land lieing betweene Saxefrax Coue and the broad Coue; as is maniffested by by a deede Vnder Richard Watterman his hand : /

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William ffeild of ℔vidence Sold Vnto Richard Burden of Portsmouth on Roade two ℔cells of land lieing neere Vnto the hill Comonly Called Neotaconkonitt within the limetts of prouidence the which two percell of land being in Estemation Eightey acors more or lesse, one of these ℔cels of land Bounding on the East with the land of Edward Manton, on the West with the Comon, on the North with the land of Shadrach Manton on the South with the other land aformentioned, the other ℔cell of land Bounding on the East with the Comon on the west with the land of Joseph Wise of Roxburey, on the north with the land of the aforsaid Edward Manton, and on the

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South with the Comon, as is maniffested by a

deede Vnder the saide William ffeilld his hand beareing date the 17th of March in the yeare 1658) 59

Jon Greene his deed of gift

John Greene of Occupasuatuxett Senr hath giuen, and made ouer to John Greene his Sone liueing at ℔ vidence, all his Right and Jntrestt in pautuxett, as well the meddow on the younder Side of the Riuer at the ffalls as also that meddow ouer the Riuer Caled moshausett, And all other meddowes, and Vplandes on this Side, where the House Standes, and all other Groundes and Landes belonging in Right Vnto me in as Ample manner as I haue, or ought in Right to haue, with all priueliges belonging to the Same as is maniffested by a deede vnder the said John Greene Senr his hand beareing date the 25 of the 7th month in the yeare 1644]

Recorded in the face of the Court ℔ me Tho: Olney | Junr | Towne Clarke

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George palmer of providence, in the Narragansett Bay, in New England hath sold unto John Steere (inhabetant of the Towne aforsaid) a percell of Land To the quantetye of Two acres, and a halfe, (be it more or Lesse) Lieing on the neck, betwene the River of pautuckett, and the great Swampe, and in the ffeild caled the New ffeild, Bounding on the East End with

a high way, or mere banke, on the West End with a high way, on the north side with the Land of John Sailes; on the south side with the Land of Lawrance Wilkenson

This said sale being confirmed by the said George Palmer, unto the said John Steere, at a quarter Court October the 27: 1662: and there allowed of by the Towne to be inroled, This said land being formerly the Land of ffraunces man: /

Richard Bullock of Rehoboth, Sold vnto Hennerey ffowler of ℔vidence, all his Land Lieing at ℔vidence, that is to Say Twoo hundred and Three score acors, the which formerly belonged Vnto Adonjjah morris, as is maneffested by a deede vnder the Said Richard Bullock his hand beareing date the: 12: of Aprill 1656:

Thomas Clement hath taken up Twentye Acors of Land, it being Laid out by the Towne Deputy on Waybosett side, Lieing on the plaine which is Bettweene pautuxett Line, and Waybosett, The said Land Also Lieing on the south East side of the Cart way which Leadeth from Waybosett, unto Mashapauge, Jt Boundeth on the South East with the Land of the Widdow power, on the North East with the Land of Roger Williams, on the South west with the Land of John ffeild, on the Northwest with the aforsaid Cart way: /

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Thomas Olney; Son unto Thomas Olney Junr (And Eliz-

abeth his wife) Was Borne at providence May the seaventh, in the yeare 1661

William Olney, Son unto Thomas Olney junr (and Elizabeth his Wife) was borne at Providence, June the Twenty and ffive, in the Yeare 1663:

Elizabeth Olney, daughter unto Thomas Olney junr and Elizabeth his wife; was borne at providence the one and Thirtieth day of Januarey, in the yeare 1666:

Anne Olney, daughter unto Thomas Olney junr (and Elizabeth his wife) was borne at Providence Januarey the 13th 1668:

Phebe Olney, Daughter unto Thomas Olney junr: & Elizabeth his wife, was borne at Newport on Rhode Jsland, September the 15th in ye yeare 1675.

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Laide out by the Towne officers according unto order, unto John ffeild 2 Sheares of meadow, Lieing on the south west side of Small brooke, Bounding on the west, and southwest part, and on the south and south East part with the Brow of A hill, and on the north East side with the aforsaid Small brook on the Norwest corner with A white oake Tree Standing on the Vpland, and from that Tree upon a line East unto the aforsaid

Brooke on the South East end the hill poynting downe upon the Brooke : /

Recorded this 2nd day of June i662 ℔ me Tho: Olney jun
Towne Clarke

In the yeare i66i

Laid out by the Towne Deputyes unto George Sheepard Tenn acres of Land lieing on the north side of the Coue comonly called the heither Bailies Coue Bounding on the South side with the land of Henry Browne, on the west side partly with A Cart way leading to the fieldes caled the new ffeildes and partly with the land of Thomas Hopkins, on the North with the Comon, on the East End with A mere banke : /

Laide out unto George Shepard by the Towne officer ffive acres of Land Lieing on the south part of Wanasquattuckett plaine, and about a hundred poles Westwardly from the hill called the great poynt: Bounding on the west side with the Land of Thomas Olney Senior on the south End with A meere banke; on the East side and on the north End with the Comon:

Recorded this 2nd of June i662 ℔ me Tho: Olney
Junior Towne Clarke

This 5 Acres of Land was Laid out severall yeares before the Tenn acres

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Thomas Clement hath taken vp fiue Acors of meddow lieing

on the South West Side of wanasquatuckett River about a mile Northwest from the place Comonly Called Venter, Bounded on the West with a hill, on the East with Wan*a*squatuckett Riuer; on the North with a a Small Streame, and on the South, with a Small Streame: this land being purchas*ed* by the Saide Tho Clement of the Jndeans : /

Laid out in the Right of John Warner, by Tho: Olney Sen^{r} Towne deputy, in the year 1660) foure Acors of Land, it lieing and being in the great Swampe, on the South side of the place comonly called by the name of the first opening, it lieing in length 30 poles in breadth 26 poles, with some allowance for Rockenesse, Bounding Sowthwardly with the Land of William Wickenden, and northwardl*y* Eastwardly, and Westwardly, with the Comon This Land being in lew of one share of Meddow : /

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The Recordes of the Jndentures Signed and Sealed by John Warner, (As ffolloweth :) and William ffeild : /

This Jndenture made this 2nd of ffeburarey Anno Domini one Thousand, Six hundred ffiftye nine wittneseth, that I John Warner Jnhabetant of the Towne of Warwick in the Colloney of providence plantations in New-England, doe by the consent of my Overseers, or ffathers, whose handes are hereto Annexed, together with my owne ffree Consent, Bind my selfe an Apprentis unto M^{r} William ffeilld of the Towne of providence, to him, his Heirs, Exsecutors, dureing the Terme of Seaven Years from the ffirst of August next ensueing the date hereof

I say I John Warner aforsaid doe bynd my selfe to William ffeild abovesaid to doe him True and faithfull service dureing the terme aforsaid, to obey all his Lawffull Comaundes; his Secretes to keepe, and not to frequent Tauerns, or Ale-howses, Except about my said masters bussenes, and in all poyntes to behave my selfe as A servant ought to doe for the good and Beniffitt of my said Master; Jn Consideration whereof I the abovesaid William ffeild doe Covenant and promise unto the said John Warner, to find him with convenient Aparill meat, drinke, and lodgeing dureing the said terme and not to Assigne him to any without the consent of his overseers, nor to remove him out of the the Colloney to dwell, As also I the said William ffeild doe Covenant at the End of the terme abovesaid to sett the said John Warner ffree and to give him one new suit of Aparrill besides his ordinarey Weareing Aparrill; in Witnes whereof Wee have hereunto Jnterchangably sett to our handes and seale the day and yeare abovesaid

Signed Sealed and delivered in the p'sence of us
Walter Todd; John Greene

John Warner

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This Jndenture made this second of ffeburarey Anno domini one Thousand six hundred ffiftie nine wittnesseth that I John Warner Jnhabetant of the Towne of Warwick in the Colloney of Prouidence plantations in New-England doe by the consent of my overseers, or ffathers, whose handes ar here*to* annexed, together with my owne free Consent Bind my selfe an Appren-

tis unto Mr William ffeild of the Towne of Providence, to him, his Heirs, Exsecutors, dureing the terme of seaven years from the first of August next ensueing the date hereof, I say I John Warner aforsaide doe bind myselfe to William ffeild Abovesaid to doe him true and faithfull service dureing the terme, to obey all his Lawfull comaundes, his secretes to Keepe, and not to frequent Taverns or Ale howses, Except About my said masters busenesse: and in all poyntes to behave my selfe as A servant ought to doe for the good & beneffitt of my said Master;

Jn Consideration whereof, I the Abovesaid William ffeild doe covenant and promise unto the said John Warner to find him with convenient Apparrill, meate drinke and lodgeing dureing the said terme, and not to Assigne him to any without the consent of his overseers, nor to remove him out of the Colloney to dwell, As also I the said William ffeild doe Covenant at the End of the terme Abovesaid to sett the said John Warner ffree, and to give him one new suite of Apparrell, besides his ordinarey weareing Apparrill, in wittnes whereof wee have hereunto Jnterchangably sett to or handes and seale the day and yeare abovsaid:

Signed Sealed and delivered in the prsence of us — William ffeild

Walter Todd

John Greene

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quarter court

The 27 of the 2nd m. 1649. (so called.)
Thomas Olny Moderatour of this assembly

Ordered that John Dewing shall haue authority to sue freely for Mathew Westons money where any is due for Mathew Westons use.

Ordered that o[r] Constable shall haue a staffe made him whereby he shall *be* knowne to haue the authority of t*he* Towne-Constable

Ordered that the 6 men formerly Chosen for the last quarter, for the tryall of causes shall stand this quarter, only Arthur ffenner shall be put in, instead of Thomas Clemence.

Ordered that a Rate shall be Leuied and gather [ ] 3[d] for Cows 1[d] [ ] for Swine & 1[d] ℔ Goat for Coñon Charges by the Constable of the Tow*n*.

Ordered that according to the reque*st* of Robert Williams who desired to Change his 6 acr*es* of Medow neare New = bridge for other ground near to m[r] Scots by Reynolds his Valley, it

shall be lawful *for him & that Gregory Dexter shall have his said*
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share, the said John ffield [ ] one of his 5 acres Lots for the same: and that Thomas Olny shall haue the said 5 acre Lot

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The 10^th^ of the 3^d^. m. 1649 (called

The three men Chosen to attend the Court of tryals the first Tuesday after the 15 of may are these to wit, William Hawkins, Nathaniel Dickins & Robert West.

Men Chosen o make agreements ouching the Mill &c /

upon the returne of an answre from Widow Sm*ith* Jt is. Ordered, that Robert Williams, Tho: Harris, Hugh Bewet & Gregory Dexter, shall once more assay to make agreements w^th^ the said Widow Smith about former or later motions | and propositions about the Mill, | & to prepare an answer by the next Court

Jt is also agreed by this assembly that Josuah Windsor shall leaue a way passable for mathew Weston up his Lot | through the East acre below, w^ch^ Josuah bought of mathew | to the intent he may convey up & tend his ground, & also leaue out the house & yard ground w^ch^ was possessed by mathew since the said Josuah [ ] mathews use also

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The 3^d^ of the 9^th^ m. 1649 (called.)
Thomas Olny is Chosen moderatour of this Assembly

Agreed that every 2^nd.^ & 3^d^ dayes *of* the week, shall be for grind*ing* of the Corne. of the To*wn*

Agreed that that Lot Called m^ris^ Lea's shall be given by Lot to One of these 6 ℔sons, (Paying presently 30 shilling*s* for the use of m^ris^ Lea aforesaid) viz: John Browne, Pardon Tillinghas*t*, William Veñor, Christopher Smith John Joanes, & John Elderkin, & that the said Lot shall be instead of a home Lot.

Ordered that Thomas Clemence sha*ll* have 25 Acres of Land given unto him, all former grants disanulled

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Land, and th*at* ( ) *lots* now layd out shall ffence betwixt this and Planting time next

Ordered that Hugh Bewet & Gregory Dexter shall go & Jnquire of Benedict Arnold whether the Planting field at Pawtugug be his or not.

Determined by Lot that Pardon Tillinghast. shall have the Lot called m^ris^ Leas paying presently 30^s^ as aforesaid

Agreed that Jo. Tyler & Robert Williams shall appeare the 1st 2nd day in the moneth called march next Jn case the 6 men Chosen by them, doe not Jssue the matter depending betwixt them.

The 6 men Chosen are these Viz. Robert Williams Chose Thomas Olny, Thomas Harris, & William Wickinden. John Tyler Chose Hugh Bewet, Arthur ffeñer & Thomas Hopkins

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sha*ll have 15 p*ounds in mercha*ntable* Wampum of M^r^ Throckmorton for the purchase of m^r^ Copes house, & to bring the said money to the next Town = meeting to be disposed of | by | the Towne, & also to give assurañce to the said m^r^ Throckmorton of the said house & Land belonging thereto

Ordered that William ffield shall have execution against Stephen Arnold, & that all executions (after a suit of Law) shall be to the Serjeant alowed twenty Shillings for the execution thereof.

Attourneyes ffee.

Ordered that the Attourneyes ffee, for preparing the Cause & for pleading 6^{s} 8^{d} & if any man will have a Cryer he shall pay 1^{s}

The 4th of the 12th m. 1649 (called.)

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Assembly

Ordered that every man shall mend and make good the high way before his house Lot or Lots, within the Compasse of this neck, to that [ ] Carts may passe & repasse freely. And the said high wayes shall be mended before the 1st of may next, as they well *ought even* at their *will*

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ving thereof according *to the* contents of *them* we conceiving

them to be unsutable to Order, & infringe the liberty of o^{r} Town officers

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Quarter Court,

The 27 of the 2^{d} m. 1650. (called.)

Tho: Olny is chosen Moderatour of this Assembly. /

Ordered That Hugh Bewet, Tho. Hopkins & Rich Waterman shall be the 3. men for the Tryall of Causes at the Generall Court of Tryall

Ordered that if any man sell any Wine or strong Liquors in his house, he shall also entertaine strangers to bed & board, but any man shall have his liberty to sell without doores no man forbidding him. /

Ordered that if any man imploy another, as his workman or servant, & the said servant or workmen shall be arrested, | for his working there | the said master shall pay the damage that shall be required of the said servant, & undertake the suit &c. /

Ordered that the money belonging to Edward Copes Creditors shall be disposed of to those Creditors that prove themselves Creditors betwix this day & the next quarter Court, or at that Court then held.

Ordered that if any man | in any Action | shall sue another, & let fall his suit without paying the Defendant his Charge or

agreeing wth him, that then the said Defendant if he find himselfe grieved may recover his Charge by an Action of debt. /

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ding *the Town* Order made the 27 of the 2^{d} m. 1649 & shall be collected by Hugh Bewet Serjeant, out of w^{ch} moneyes shall be payd the *6.* men chosen for a Coñittee before specifyed. An*d* in case any man refuse to pay, Vpon the dem*an*ding therof, that then the said Serjeant sha*ll* distreine upon their goods, & cause them to be prized according to Town Order. And returne the overplus to the owners. /

Ordered that Richard Waterman, Thomas Hopkins, Hugh Bewit Arthur ffeñer Thomas Harris & Gregory Dexter sha*ll* be a Coñittee for o^{r} Town at the Gen: Court.

The 6^{t} of the 3^{d} m. 1650. (called.)

Robert Williams is chosen Moderatour of this Assembl*y*

The 6. Tryers Chosen. /

The 6. men Chosen are these (w^{ch} are for the tryall o*f* Causes) viz. Tho. Hopkins, Tho. Roberts, W. Wickenden, Ar*thur* ffenner, Jo. ffield & Tho. Angel.

Wheras there is in o^{r} Towne = Law an expresse touching serv*ing* a Writ upon a house = Kee ℔ in o^{r} Towne, that they should have only Warning, now it is agreed, that every sa*id* house = kee ℔ shall be touched or spoke wth by the S*er*jeant, & that shall suffice as well as if he was bayled &c

Ordered that the | age | day & yeare of every Childs | birth | under a*ge* | bo*rn* | within this Towne, shall be brought in to the Clerke to Record, & he shall have for his Recording 3 penc*e* for each Child

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The 3^{d} of the

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yeare ensuin*g* [ ]
Robert Williams & Thomas Harris } Town = D*eputies* *f*or this yeare followin*g*

Arthur ffeñer is Chosen Constable ffor this yeare ensuing. /

Hugh Bewet is Chosen Town = Serjeant for this yeare following

Hugh Bewit is also Treasurer for this yeare following. /

Thomas Harris & Tho: Angel is Chosen surveyors for this yeare

Ordered that the Moderatour of this Assembly shall | engage | the said Clerke, & the Clerke shall engage the said Officers, according to the forme prescribed in this Booke. /

Ordered that Hugh Bewet shall issue the matter touching the Jndians demands for Corne, & to capitulate wth Widow Smith about it, & see what she will give for her part, & what he payes to the said Jndians the Towne will pay it to him. The Jndians require 2 bushels of Corne & 5^{s} in Wampum. & the Town agrees therto. /

The 27 of the 5^{t} m. 1650 (so called.)

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Assembly. /

Ordered, that Thomas Olny, Robert Williams & William Wickenden shall be Joyned in Comission wth 3 Chosen out of | each Towne viz, | Portsmouth, Newport and Warwicke, to give answer to the State of the Massachusets about those sumons that are sent into this Collony, as also | to | all | Orders | other necessary occasions depending on that businesse. /

Whereas Richard Harcut comes to the Towne to have the disposall of Mathew Weston Jt is

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This which is aforementioned was acted before Thomas Harris Town Deputy. ( )

Ordered that Joshua Winsor shall possess the lot w^ch^ was | formerly | Mathew Westons | for ever | provided that the said Josuah Windsor pay unto the Town 30^s^, 15^s^ at the next harvest & 15 at the next after, in merchantable pay, for to be dd for Mathews use.

Ordered that Nicholas Power & Gregory Dexter shall take the goods belonging to the Children of Daniel Abbot deceased into their hands, & take notice of the Goats, & also care of them, to see to the disposall of *them* & bring in a list into the Town, & record them . /

The same day

A note ℞ from the President touching Comissioners Viz. as followeth,

To the Townes of Providence & Warwicke. /

According to y^r^ motion, Jt is Ordered in Newport & Portsmouth, that the Comittees meet the

29 of this *pre*sent moneth : & it is desired to be at Portsmouth

July the 25.50. / Nich: Eastone Pres[d]

The 7[th] of 6 [th] m. 1650. (called.)

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Ass*embly*

Ordered that the 6. men formerly Chosen for Town Councel shall remaine in their offices untill the 1st 2[nd] day of the moneth called June next.

Upon the Complaint of Sonkachuwash to t*he* Towne against Pawtuxit men Spoyling of his Corne and others | by Cattle | at Mashepaug Jt is

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said ( ) spoile ( ) parties ( )

*Ordered that a rate be levied upon the estates of men only excepti*ng Lands that ly in Comon, & that the Town = Councel shall Rate the same

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The 2[nd] of the 7[th] m. 1650 (called.).

Robert Williams is chosen Moderato[r] of this Assembly

Ordered that Gregory Dexter shall write to m^r^ Hewes to send a | certificate | from the Court of Massachusets who are proved Creditors of Edward Cope, & to them that are so proved shall the 15 be payd upon a discharge thus, That we A B have received for the use of Ed: Copes Creditors. /

Ordered that the Rate agreed on By the Towne Councel, presented this day is accepted & approved, w^th^ this consideration, that if any ℔son or ℔sons shall shew any just reason to alter any part thereof that then the Towne shall determine that matter . /

Ordered also, that Hugh Bewet shall give every ℔son notice of his | or their | proportion of the said Rate, & when any thereof is payd unto him, he shall dd the same to Gregory Dexter, who is appointed to receive it for the Townes use. /

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Boston.

Ordered that the President shall have power to | compose and | or*der* about the sending thereof in due season. /

Ordered that the other Proposition presented | by the Town

aforesaid | shall be referred to the consideration of the Generall Comittee for the Gen: Assembly.

The 24 of the 8. m. 1650. /

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Assembly

Comissioners Chosen Tho. Angel, James Ashton, Nich. Power, Tho. Roberts, W^m ffield & Hugh Bewet, Tho. Angel, James Ashton, Tho Roberts. /

Ordered that Thomas Wallin shall have some Land given to him upon his subscription . /

Ordered that John Jones shall have a Lot in the next ffield . /

Ordered that Thomas Olny shall have a house = plot above the high way against William Arnolds Medow or a little above the upper end of it . /

Ordered that Maturine Bello shall have the Lot inclosed, paying Tho. Olny what he hath layd out about it, & that his ffather in Law shall have the next Lot adjoyning to it,

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The 28 of the 8^th. m. 1650. /

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Assembly. /

Tho. Olny & Gre: Dexter is Chosen by the Towne to agree w^th two other men that Widow Smith & John Smith her son

shall choose touching the high = way Jn the Valey, & other Articles of agr*eement about the land and Mill.*

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Ordered that in ca [ ]
out of Towne, that for the [ ], the Clerke shall depute a man to execute them, & in case the Clerke be wanting to grant forth Writs, that then either of the Deputies shall issue Writs forth, as also depute a Serjeant in case of defect as aforesaid

The | 4th | of the 9th m. 1650 . /
Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour

Ordered that for the future all men received shall pay for their home = share 1s ℔ acre, & 6d ℔ acre for the rest, not exceeding 25 acrs . /

*O*rdered That Tho. Olny, W. Wickenden, Rich. Waterman, *T*ho. Hopkins, Arthur ffeñer & John ffield, shall be the 6 men for the trying of Causes this quart*er*.

Ordered that Hugh Bewet Town = Serjeant, shall | collect | the Rate as it was levyed by the Coñissioners deputed | for that businesse | & in case any man refuse to pay | their equall proportion | after it *be* legally demand, that then the said

Hewgh Bewet by vertue hereof is ordered to distraine. upon their goods, & to valew them according to Town = Order, provided for distraints. /

At a quarter Court held the 27. of the 11th m. 1650 (so called.)

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this assembly. /

Ordered that if Widow Man complaineth to the overseers of her husbands Will, & they neglect to

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[ ] tions by the
eighth of [ ] man shall be found
negligent or [ ] therin, he or they sh*all*
forfit 10s to the Towne

Ordered that no ℔son whatsoever, whether Townes = man or other, shall carry, or cause to be carryed (either directly or indirectly off the Comon, any ffencing = stuffe, Bolts, Pipe= staves, Clapboard*s*, Shingles, Pitch = lights, or any other sort of building Timber, ou*t* of this Plantation, without leave from the Towne: and i*f* any shall be found so doing, he or they shall forfeit to the Tow [ ] for every Tuñe of ffencing Timber or other building timber after the rate of ten shillings ℔ Tuñe: for every hundred *of* Clapboard ten shillings; for ev-

ery hundred of Shingles | after | the rate of $2^s - 6^d$, & for every 100 weight of Pitch wood after the rate of 3^s. & for | every 100 of | Pipe = staves after the rate of 10^s. /

William Wickenden changed his share of Medow at Small = brooke for a share of Medow lying over against the hither end of the great Medow

Gregory Dexter hath liberty to change his 6 acres of Land at the Plaine for 6 acres at the upper end of the little Valley, granted at James Ashtons house. /

The 8th of the 1st 1650 (so called,)
Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this assembly

urveiors. / Thomas Harris & Hugh Bewet is to be Surveior [ ] for this ensuing yeare.

The 25 of the 1st m. 1651. /

Jt is Ordered that the Town = Councel shall Order, dispose, & provide for the subsistance of Margaret Goodwin, as her necessity calls for, & for that end shall take the said Margarets goods into their hands or her husbands, & make sale or dispose otherwise therof for her necessity, & returne an accompt to the Towne: as also

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Robert Wil*liams* [ ]

Jt is Ordered that Gre: Dexter *writes* unto Josua Ver*in* in

answer to his Letter : That if he comes unto o^{r} Court & Proves his right, the Town will doe him Justice . /

Jt is Ordered that Benjamin Herden shall have the priviledges of 25 Acres, his home = Lot next to the last field side ffence

Ordered that the Town = Deputies shall appoint & determine where Richard Waterman shall set or remove his ffence w^{ch} standeth upon Wapewasset, to that end a convenient *w*ay may be preserved there : & to appoint him a place *w*here to set his hay at their discretion.

*O*rdered that M^{r} Robert Williams shall have liberty to set his ffence upon firmer Land, neare unto his Medow called Rumley Marcsh . /

The 12th 3. 51 . /

Ordered that the 6. men formerly deputed to take care of Adam Goodwins wife during the time of her distraction shall have power to sell part of her Goods left to discharg*e* such Debts and charges as they have undertaken for, & to retur*n* the rest of her goods to the Town . /

Ordered that whereas William Wickenden presented a Bill for leave to make some Medow at Saxafrasse, the motion be taken into further consideration. /

Ordered that 5$^{\pounds}$ remaining due to M^{r} Roger Williams should be payd unto him out of the first moneyes coming into the Town Stock. /

Ordered that no man shall fell Timber within 4 pole of *any* mans fore fence to his home = Lot: Jted that if any man build *upon* any other part of his Land, no man shall fell any

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[ ] 51. (so called.)

Thomas [ ] *M*oderatour . /

Gregory *Dexter* is Chosen Town = Clerke for this ensuing yeare. /

Robert Williams & Thomas Olny } are Chosen Deputies for this ensuing yeare. /

Tho. Roberts. is Chosen Constable for this yeare. /

Hugh Bewet is chosen Serjeant

Thomas Harris is Chosen Treasurer. /

Thomas Harris, William Wickenden & Richard Waterman shall joyne in Councel w^th^ the 3 chief officers, i*n* cases difficult during this yeare ensuing. /

Jt is Ordered that no Officer for the future shall serve two yeares together, unles he be willing

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The 28 of the 5^th^ m. 51. /

M^r^ Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour. /

Ordered that no man shall fall any Tre*es* to offend any

Coñon Cart way, unles he take it off within 24 houres: & if any man shall so doe, he shall forfeit $3^{s} - 4^{d}$

Ordered that Nicholas Power is Chosen for one of the 6 men for the tryall of Causes instead of Tho: Olny. /

Ordered that every Coñon high way shall be left 4 Pole . /

Ordered that James Leonard shall have 25 acres of Land according to o^{r} late Order, as his home Lot neere the Stampers. /

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The ffeofees be trusted wth the disposall of Daniel Abbots Goats. /

Ordered, that [ ]
of Medow that [ ]
neare Small = B [ ]

Ordered that Thomas Harris & Nicholas Power, shall equally divide the Goates & goods, & what else that belongs unto the two Orphanes of Daniel Abbot deceased, & possesse Thomas Walling, husband of Mary Abbot, the daughter of the said deceased wth one halfe of the said Goats, goods, &c / & the other halfe to order for Daniel Abbot, the soñe of the said deceased best advantage : /

Ordered that Thomas Walling & John Jones, received into Town = fellowship as Towns = men, & after the order of John Browne.

Ordered that Henry Reddocke, Accomodated w^th^ 25 acres.

The 27 of the 8^th^ 51. /

Ordered that Robert Williams, Thomas Olney & Hugh Bewet, shall set to rights the Lots of the New ffield where Thomas Wallin & John Jones dwelleth, & be payd by the Jnhabitants of that ffield for their labour

Ordered that the Clerke shall have 6^d^ for filing any Demurer that shall be granted. /

The 6 : mens ffee . /

Ordered that the Jurors shall be payd 18^d^ a piece for every man, & the said Jurors shall be payd every time they are panelled. /

Ordered, that the Attourney shall have 6^s^ – 8^d^ allowed every Court that he appeares, or Pleads in a Case, unles he appeares for a Demurre, before the Jurors be panelled, & then he is to have but 3^s^ – 4^d^

Jt is agreed that the Clerke shall have for writing Sub = pena's 6^d^ a peece. /

Ordered that every Witnes shall have 12^d^ at least for every case he speaks to, if he speak effectually

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[ ] e Judges of the
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[ ] hall have 12[d] for serving
ev [ ]

Jt is *ordered that* the Clerk shall have for filing the verdict 6[d] . /

Ordered that the Clerke shall have for filing the Bill of charge 4[d]. /

Ordered, that the Deputies shall signe the bill of Charge w[ch] arose in William Cottons suit, & signe the Execution. /

Ordered that Edward Jnman is received a Townsman after the order of John Browne. /

Ordered that Edward Jnman shall have a small Piece of Land by the Place where his house is, if so be that Robert Williams, Thomas Olny, & Hugh Bewet, shall judge it will be no damage to the highway, Provided that he aloweth 6 acres of ground else = where for it.

Ordered that Benedict Arnold the agent or bailer *of* William Cotton, shall yet have 5 dayes liberty to appeale unto the Generall Court of tryall held at Providence upon the 4[th] day come seven = night, provided that the said Benedict Arnold in the mean time shall not so transport his estate out of this Towne, that William ffield shall be damnified, & then & there to prosecute the appeale against William ffield, Provided also that the said Benedict Arnold in appealing about the said case

of William Cotton & William ffield, do observe the Order or Law in that Case, otherwise the Execution. /

The 27th of the 11th m. 51 . /

Thomas Olny Moderatour of the Assembly. /

Ordered that no Trees shall be fallen off the Common, purposely for Goats, within 2 miles off the

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Bridge [ ]
halfe to [ ]
Ordered tha [ ]
up within 6 day [ ] by the
Deputies, under the [ ] 6d ℔ day
after the said 6 dayes be expired. /

Ordered that John Smith the Miller shall have a 6. acre Lot wch was William Barrowes by Newbridge, upon the Mill accompt. /

Providence the 1st of the 1st m. 1652. /

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderator of this assembly. /

Ordered that 6 men be Chosen at this Present for the tryall of Causes, and to stand untill next quarter, notwithstanding all former order

Ordered that no man shall fall Timber off the Land wch was formerly Thomas Hopkins his 6. acre Lot, it being reserved for Mr Sayles his further motion

6. Men for the tryall of Causes. /

The 6 men Chosen for the tryall of Causes are these, viz. Arthur ffeñer, James Ashton, Richard Waterman, Thomas Sucklin, William Wickenden, & Thomas Harris

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At a quarter Court held the 27. of the 2nd moneth 52. /

Robert Williams Moderatour of this assembly /

The Jngagemente of all Jurers in all Cases. /

You shall faithfully & truly Judge the matter between party & party, according to the light of your Conscience upon the Evidence given in, as you will ãswer it at yr ℔ill . /

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[ ] the whole truth
[ ] u will answer it a [ ]
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About fixing he Cõmon for the future. /

Or [ ] the Plaines on the other side the Bridge shall be ffixed on the second of the first moneth; & the neck & all other parts the 15th of the said moneth yearly: And if any man be damãged after the said time, by the said fixing, that they who so fixed shall not be lyable to pay the said damãge. /

The 12th of the 3d mo. 52. /

Robert Williams Moderatour of this Assembly Chosen

Comissioners Chosen for the Gen: Court

Robert Williams Richard Waterman Willi~ Wickenden	Gre: Dexter Thomas Harris Hugh Bewet

The said men for Tryall of Causes are Chosen only Christopher Smith is Chosen instead of Robert Williams.

Robert Williams is nominated for President.

Tho: Olny & Arthur ffeñer for Assistant Hugh Bewet Serjeant. Gre: Dexter Gen: Recorder. /

The 27. of the 3. m. 52. /

Gregory Dexter is Chosen Moderatour of this assembly

At the said meeting the said 6 men were Chosen for the tryall of Causes in the Gen: Court it being proroged. /

At the day of Election held the 7th of the 4th m. 52. /

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this assembly. /

Gregory Dexter is Chosen town Clerk & inga

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officers Chosen

Robert [ ]
Thomas [ ]
James Ashton [ ]
Thomas Walling [ ]
& water bayley [ ]
Thomas Harris Treasurer [ ]

Town Counsel.

Richard Waterman
Arthur ffenner
John ffield &c.
} ffor this year insuing. /

Surveyors. /

Thomas Harris
Samuel Beñet
} ffor this year insuing. /

Ordered that Gre: Dexter shall write unto Mr Adderton, Mr Browne, & Mr Wintrop, touching a stray horse wch was taken up the 27 of the 3d moneth last, that notice may be given to the Countrey about him that the true owners may have him restored.

Ordered that Hugh Bewet shall Collect the old accompts of the former Rate, according to his former Order, wth all other debts owing to the Town

Ordered that John ffield shall have the fflagge = pond neare small = brook instead of a 5 acre Lot of his by Wanasquatucket, & the said 5 acre Lot shall be Henry Reddocks.

Ordered that a Rate be levyed upon mens estates at 2^{d} ℔ pound, & the Town = Councel shall levy the same according to their discretion, & they shall also present their result to the Town. /

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*Throckm*orton Moderat.^{r}

Wh*ereas we hav*e received divers lo: Letters from o^{r} Agent M^{r} Roger Williams in England wherein his carefull proceedings are manif*ested* vnto vs, Concerning o^{r} publique Affairs, an*d* yet noe answering Lett^{rs}. of Encouragm^{t}. h*ave* been sent vnto him from this Colonye, There*fore* this Towne doth take it into Consideration, And Orders, That the Moderato^{r} writes vn*to* our lo: Neighb^{rs}. the Towne of Warwick: *inti*mating our desires, in writting to o^{r} fforsaid Agent, w^{ch} if by them assented, That then th*e* said Towne doth giue order in the Colonys beh*alf* vnto the Generall Assistant for Warwick (supplying the president place) forthwith to ca*ll* a Committee of the Two Towns Consisting of *an* equall Number, allsoe tyme, and place, as th*e* said Generall Asistances wisedome shall di*rect* him for, Composeing of the said Lett^{rs} ———

The 7th of the 7th m. 52 . /

Robert Williams is Chosen Moderatour of this Assembly.

The 6 men for tryall of Causes are the form*er* Chosen the 1st of the 1st moneth 52. only Samuel Beñet is Chosen in his fathers stea*d*

Ordered that if either Plantiffe or defen*t* do challenge any

off the jury, that he or t*hey* so challenging shall pay to the man or m*en* challenged 2^s — 6^d presently before the man or men depart from off the said jury

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the mill, [ ]
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shall have the [ ] ing the Towns Pleasure, but in case the Town see cause to dispose of it otherwise, that then the said Hugh Bewet shall have reasonable satisfaction for his Charge about the said work or house over it, as two men shall judge, Chosen one by the Town, & the other by the said Hugh Bewet, provided also, that if the said Hugh Bewet shall fence in any ground, or build more Houses, then the said house, over the said worke, that then said house & fencing, shall be left to the Towns discretion | in point of satisfaction, | neither shall the said Hugh have any more ground on both sides the River then 1. acre, at the most . /

The 7^{th} of the 10^{th} m. 52 : /

Robert Williams moderato^r of this Assembl*y*

Ordered that Thomas Harris & Gregory Dexter shall lay out a sufficient high=way by Edward Jnmans house, & lay out more ground for him for satisfaction on this side his house.

Ordered that upon the request of Richard Pray to sell his

house & Lot, that the said Richard Pray shall have liberty to sell his house & fencing to any man whom the Town shall approve of, to dispose the Lot unto. &c. /

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[ ] ead in o^r^ modell *of*
[ ] *for* the progresse of Law amon*gst us be* fairely Recorded & transcr*i*bed out of the originall Copy. viz. /

The Serjeant shall serve the Writ, w^ch^ if it be against a Housekeeper in our Town, t*hen* a warning to appeare at the day & place of tryall shall be sufficient: But if the Writ b*e* not against a Townsman, | as before specifyed | then the Serjean*t* shall keep him in safe custody untill Bayle *or* agreement, & the bayle shall be a house = k*eeper* of o^r^ Town, or one known to be sufficient to d*is*charge the debt or damage that may ensue &c

Whereas William Almy of Road Jsland Pla[ ]ter, complayneth to this Town for want of ℘vision in the Town = Records touching a Legall ℘gresse in his Cause n*ow* depending against John Smith defendan*t* it is now Ordered that the Clarke shall Record for his reliefe as followeth . /

Whereas the Town = deputies did prorogu*e* the late Court of tryalls untill the fir*st* Second day of the 11^th^ moneth next: Jt is the*re*fore Ordered by this present Court, that a*ll* Bonds, Witnesses, & all matters whatsoever belonging to the Cause of Willi̅ Plat: an*d* John Smith Defend^t^: as aforesaid, shall belong to the said Court; & then & there be issued according to Law; except Plant: *or* Defendt: do de*mur*.

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he shall lay [ ]
chosen for Com [ ] are these.
Thomas Angel, *Henry* Browne,
Williã Wickenden, } James Ashton
Gre: Dexter } Hugh Bewet

The 3d of the 11th m. 52. /
Gregory Dexter is chosen Moderatour for the day

Ordered that Edward Jnman shall not be liable to forfeit his home = Lot for not building thereupon, because he hath built in another more convenient place for his trade of dressing fox Gloves /

The same day were the acts of two Courts of Comissioners presented to the Town

At a quarter Court held the 27th of
the 11th m. 52.

Gregory Dexter is Chosen moderatour

Ordered that the writing presented by John Smith president & Samuel Gorton Assistant be first took order with, before Mr Robert Williams his bill be read

The 6 men Chosen for this quarter for tryall of Causes are these viz.

6 men chose. /

Thomas Angell	John Browne
William Wickenden	Arthur ffeñer
John ffield	James Ashton

Whereas there was a certaine writing presented to this Town of Providence the 3^{t} of the

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[ ] on Smith
[ ] n Assistant,
[ ] of their appeale:
Jn [ ] are charges tending *to* the defamation of the Colony, & accusatio [ ] of the Court of Coñissioners.

Jt is therefore Ordered by this present Assembly that the said writing be safely kept in the Cler*ks* Office, untill the time of the next sitting of th*e* Court of Coñissioners, & then to present the sa*id* Charge to the Court of Coñissioners, or a Cop*y* thereof, in the name of the Town, to the Court of Coñissioners consideration, to Order about or in the said Charge, as the said Comissioners see cause, according to Law & right. /

Whereas there is at this present a Cause of great concernment to be tryed in this Town betwixt William Almy of Road Jland Plantiffe and John Smith of Warwicke Defendant; the Towne seeing good cause to choose another Dipu*ty* to sit upon the bench, have therefore by free vote chosen Henry Reddocke, & have deputed him to sit as Deputy, with the other

two; & the said Henry Reddocke shall officiate by vertue he*reo*f in all matters touching his Office, untill the next Court of Election. /

The 20th of the 12th m. 52. /

Gregory Dexter is Chosen Moderator of this Assembly. /

Whereas we have received a Letter from Warwicke dated the 15th of ffebruary 52 touching meeting wth mr Dyer at portsmouth & for a generall meeting *a*t the said to*wn*

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Jt is [ ]
appointed [ ]
warwicke. [ ]

Ordered that Tho [ ] *Willi*am Wickenden, Thomas Angel, Henry *Br*own, Hugh Bewet, & Gregory Dexter, shall be the said Commissioners for this Town, being also formerly Chosen & appointed to make up the late Genrall Assembly at Warwicke & the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to joyne wth 6. of Warwicke to make a Gen. Assembly for these 2. Townes, wth the greatest speed that may be, | & to meet | at such time & place the said Comissioneres of both Townes shall agree upon, by Letters or messengers sent too & from to effect the same: & when the said Comissioners have so agreed, then the Town shall have notice of the said time & place appointed, that thereby the Town = Officers & all the Town, may have notice thereof And the said Comissioners being so Orderly met, are hereby authorized to Order touching the Letter & matter therein contained (wch we have received from the Jsland,) subscribed by John Sanford, William

Baulstone, John porter, & William Jeffery. And when the said Comissioners shall see the matter & way cleare, either by Letters, Messengers, or agitations w^th^ the Jnhabitants of the said Jsland, w^ch^ may conduce to the peace & welfare of the whole: Then the said Comissioners are hereby authorized to joyne w^th^ the 6. Comissioners chosen out of the 2. Townes of Portsmouth & Newport upon the Jsland, & so

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to [ ] the whole Jsland
[ ] *the* Councel of State be
[ ] tions we are redy to su*b*-
mit [ ] we do hereby authorize o^r^ said Comissioners to transact w^th^ the said | other | Comissione*rs* in all Gen: affaires, except election. Or other wise order according to their wisdomes for the peace of the whole Colony. /

Ordered that Gregory Dexter Town = Clerke s*hall* write unto the Towne of Warwicke, & signifie unto them what this Town hath Ordered by wa*y* of answer to their late Letters, & touching tha*t* other sent to us from the Jsland . /

At a quarter Court held the
27^th^ of the 2^nd^ m. 53. /
Thomas Olny is moderatour of the Asse*mbly*

Ordered that Thomas Olny Senior, & William Wickenden shall set the bounds betwi*xt* Robert West & Josuah Windsor

their home Lots, now in their possession, & report the boundes unto the Town, wch shall stand,

memorandũ that the said Two men are Cosen by the said Josuah Windsor & Robert West.

Ordered that the Serjeant shall have th[ ] like order for Collecting the Rate, as the former case was provided, And that the said Serjeant shall have 1s—0d for gathering thereof

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Salus Popplui [ ]
The He|a|lth of the peo*ple* [ ] Law

An Jnstrument, or soueraign *Plai*ster, to heale the many fold ℔sant soares in this Towne or plantation of prouidence, wch doe arise about lands: and to ℔uent the furder spreading of them boath amongst orselues, & ye whole Coloñy: Ne|ce|sserey forthwith to be jmproued and applyed, least this Towne should fall into Griuouss sor*es* or Gangrenes to the hurt of the whole Colony: & therby this Towne which was ye first in this Bay, become the worst and that (only) about lands in the widernes ℔

Gregory
Dexter

Wheras it Doeth manyfastly appeere that all the acts orders and Records which are written in the Tow|n|e Booke are Called the Towne acts orders, & Records, and therefore lawfull, binding, &c of what Nature & Condition soeur they be whether Just or Vnjust healthfull or hurtfull to

the body And wheras we vpon serious Consideration being y^e^ maior. pa*rt* of the Towne aforsaid finding seuerall acts, orders, and Records, acted in the Towne name, to be of this Nature & Condition Viz. So destructiue to the Coñon benifit & peace of this Towne, & being so vnreasonable, Dishonest & Vnlawfull, That we Cañot according to the Rules of Coñon prudence and humanity but Declare against them.

j First, that act to Deuide to the men of pawtuxet twenty miles, is herby Declared against, as Vnjust & Vnreasonable not being healthfull but hurtfull to y^e^ bod*y*.

2 Whereas Great & manyfold Trouble shath befallen both *to* ourSelues and the whole Colony by Reason of that phraise, Vp Streames without liñits we might haue for the vse of our Cattell: for ꝑuenting of future Contention. Wee Declare that o^r^ bounds are limited in our Towne Euidence and by vs stated about 20 years since and Knowe to be the Riuer. and fields of patuckit suger loafe hill Bewits Brow obseruation Rock absolute Swampe oxfoord & hipses Rock & the men that were apointed to set it were Chad Browne Hugh bu⁀ Gre Dexter will wickenden &c and furdedermore Determine that as our

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[ ] urer of the Deed or
[ ] *a*s also of that ꝑuilidge, fo*r*

vse of Cat*tle* [ ] *to* time Declared to vs, so it Shall be Reco*rded and* no otherwise, no other ꝑuilidg*e* by vertue of the said phraise to be Challenged by thi*s* Towne Viz: that if ye Cattell went bejond y^e^ bounds ꝑfixt in the said Deed granted to him, th[ ] the owners of the Cattle should be no Trespassers the Cattell Going so far in one Day to feed as the*y* might Come home at Night

3^d^ And Wheras some of Vs have Desired of the Colony leaue *to* purchasse for this Towne some Enlargment, w^ch^ was granted, and by the great diligence of o^r^ said neigbor Williams with the natiues, more lands is bought adjoyin*ing* to ye said Bounds & the purchassers haue mett & agree*d* about the Equall Deuideing of them, as appereth by their thre Conclusions, first that all men that ha*ve* payd Eqall shall haue Eqall in this Deuision of 50 acres to Each purchasser wheth they be 25 acre men or other Euen so we agree it shall be, any former agreements or acts to the Contrary notwithstan|di*ng*

And furdermore, that all the other acts and agrement*s* made & concluded vpon by the purchassers in their Seuerall meetings towching those lands betwixt the said old bounds and the 7 mile line is herby Declared by vs That so it shall be, in all Respect*s* all former or latter act or acts, agreements or ag*ree*ments thing or things

done Record or Records to the Contrary notwithstanding

4th That no act of Disposall of land or Recording: of lands or Chaingeng of lands shall be accounted this Townes acts Vnles the nũber of 21 of the purchassers a^{p}e^{r} and that only Respecting those lands within the said old bounds Townward any former act to the Contrary notwithstand|ing|

this Writing was
Endorsed Tho*mas Clemence*

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Ordered [ ]
be carryed [ ]
by silence fro [ ] two conservatours of the Peace inhabiting in th [ ] Town, upon forfeiture of double the valew, & this to be in force three mont [ ] if not repealed.

Ordered that the 6 men for the tryal of Causes that were Chosen the last qua[ ]ter shall stand this ensuing quarter also

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The 25.th of the 3d m. 53.
John Sayles is Chosen moderatour of the Assembly. /

Ordred [ ] the meeting is adjourned untill the 29th of this instant in the evening

Ordered (the Assembly being met) that James Ashton, William Wickenden, Thomas Angel, John Sayles, Arthur ffeñer, & Gregory Dexter, shall be Coñissioners to joyne in ayd wth the Coñissioners of Warwicke to advice & order for the peace of the Colony in Generall, & in speciall touching the Coñission wch is granted forth (in the name and by the authority of Providence Plantations) unto Captaine Underhil, & mr Dyer, to make war upon the Dutch,

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At the Court of Election the 6th off June 1653

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10th of the 7th m. 54

Mr Roger Williams is chosen Moderatour *of* this Assembly. /

Mr Roger Williams Chosen for President
Arthur ffeñer Tho: Harris for Asistant
Gregory Dexter Genll Recorder . /
Hugh Bewet Genll Serjeant
John Sayles Genll Treasurer: /

The 8th of the 9th m. 54

Mr Roger Williams Moderatour . /
memorandũ that Thomas Harris is Chos*en* Livtenant over the Traine band.

John Smith Miller Ensigne.
Benjamin Smith Serjeant.

Jt is ordered that the Law of 5^s for non = trayning, is mittigated unto $2^s/6^d$

Whereas Hugh Bewet complayned unto the Town = deputies against John Seldon for falling on him in the night, And whereas John Seldon hath Presented himselfe this day to the Town to give satisfaction to them for the said fact upon his acknowledlegement of the fact unto Hugh Bewet, he declareth himself satisfyed, & upon his reall submission to the Town, they declare themselves fully satisfyed

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Mr Roger Williams is Chosen *Commissioner* in the room of Henry Brown

Ordered that those ffarmes which are one mile off the Town alone, shall have liberty to leave one man at home on the trayning dayes

Ordered that Lievtenant Thomas Harris, Thomas Hopkins Corporall, James Ashton Corporall John Sayles Clerke of the band, John Brown, & Arthur ffeñer, are hereby authorized to order the matter of taking the ffines | from | absent souldiers, wch are listed in the Clerks Book

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The 19th of the 1st m 54 /
Mr Roger Williams is Moderatour of this assembly. /

Jn Answer to a Letter fro~ the Massachusets Colony touching the returning of an Apprentice to his Master in the Bay: Jt is Ordered, that if the said Apprentice his ffather Benjamin Hernden, in whose keeping, the said Apprentice is, do not returne the said Aprentice speedily into the Bay, that the Constable shall forthwith apprehend him, & convey him to his master: /

Lands layd out:

ffive Acres of Low Land Layd out on the South si[ ] of the West = River for Robert Pike to make Medow, bounded on the West = End w^th^ a black Oak markt on 4. Sides, and on the East = end on the lower side (that small slipe of low Land) by the grape Vines

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[ ] *A*cres of Low = Land on the [ ] side of Nicholas Power first share [ ] Pardon Tillinghast, bounded on the East side w^th^ a stake in the Narrow part, on the South Corner a small Birch tree, & on the North a white Oak.

Benjamin Hernden 4 acres to be added to his home = Lot 11 pole wide & 60 pole Long.

John Smith 5. acres of land beyond Benjamin Herndens 20 pole wide, & 40. pole Long.

Gregory Dexter 6. acres next adjoyning 40. pole wide, & 24. long.

Thomas Walwin 6. acres adjoyning 40. | wide | & 24. long. /

The 27 of y^e^ 2: ^mon:^ 55 (so calld) Moderat^r^ R. W
Vpon the receit of y^e^ Gov^r^ Letters from th*e* Massachusetts & Capt: Robert Keyne about y*e* returne of James Bitts his servant y^e^ Vot*e* of y^e^ Towne was for his returne

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A 25 acre Lot was granted to John Hudso*n*

Jt : to Samuel Davis
Jt : to Rich: Thayer
Jt : to John Briggs:
Jt : Libertie was giuen to W^m^ Barrowes to fence y^e^ High way before his Medow; so y^t^ there be Libertie for carts

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to goe through in Season

Vpon Complaint of Heuh Bewit y*t* M^r^ Cole was behind hand in his rate 3^lb^ 6^s^ 8^d^ y^e^ Towne makes ouer y^e^ right of M^r^

Coles 3 Score acre & 6 acre Lot vnto y^e^ said Bewit except M^r^ Cole redeeme it in 18 months:

For this next quarter Christopher Smith Roger Mawrie Rich: Waterman: Tho: Angell, Nich: Power & Tho: Hopkins be Jury men or Triers of cases.

For y^e^ Gen Court were chosen. Christoph: Smith: Rich: Waterman & Tho: Angell:

Vpon y^e^ hearing of Letters from y^e^ Go^r^ of y^e^ Massachusetts & Capt Keyne y^e^ Towne Voted for the returne of James Bitts a Scotchman servant to Capt Keyne, & y^e^ Towne sent him ouer to y^e^ next Consta*ble* at Secunck: The Constable wanting som*e* to aid him Christopher Smith (to y^e^ good example of all yonger Persons) willingly offred himselfe & supplied y^e^ Service.

The Case allso of George Hallsall Smith of Boston | & Esther Ludg | who chargeth her child with w^ch^ she goes on him) was debated & Hallsall sent for who Promised to giue Satisfaction to y^e^ officers of y^e^ Towne for y^e^ keeping of y^e^ child

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[ ] he denies y^[ ]^ fact & promise [ ] y^[ ]^ Towne himselfe with speede.

June 4th (55) Mr Roger Williams Moderator

Jnprimis wheas there hath Bin greate debate this day about Tho: Olnie Rob: Williams Jon ffield Will: Harris & others concerning ye matter of a tumult and disturbance in ye winter under a pretence of woluntarie training it was at last concluded By wote that for ye Colonies sake whoe hat chosen Tho: Olnie an assistant & for ye publike union & peace sake it should be past By & no more mentioned

Chosen for Towne Magistrates this yeare Rich: Waterman Tho: Harris for Towne Clerk Jon Sayles for Constables Cris. topher Smith Roger Morie

for Seriant Sam: Bennet

for Sirwaiers Roger Morie Tho: Roberts

for Haiwards Jon Jones Rich: Pray

for ye three men to make up the Town Councell wth ye Assistant & Towne Magistrates | mr | Roger Williams Rob: Williams & Will: ffield

wheras Henrie ffowlar was warned to ye Court to answer for his marriage wthout due publication & he pleaded yt ye diwisions of ye Towne were the cause of his so doeing ye Towne woated a remission of his penalltie

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Jt is ordered that all persons ioining in marriage all parents of Children new borne and all executor [ ] or next friends to persons dieing

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Shall record in y^e^ Towne [ ] names & times of their marriag of their Children new Borne & the Buriall of their friends paying 3^d^ to y^e^ Towne Clerk for theire record & this under y^e^ pennalltie of paying 5^s^ for each neglect

Ordered y^t^ y^e^3 men nominated by the generall, to set y^e^ rates for y^e^ 6 : ^lb^ to Be payd to Warwick about a prison &c : are allso impowred by the Towne to make an addition of 40^s^ for a Towne pound

Ordered y^t^ y^e^ care of further strengthening y^e^ law against Jndians drunknes be refered to the next full Court

The 3 men chosen Jurie men to serue at y^e^ next generall Court of tryalls to be held at Portsmouth are Henrie ffowlar Jo^n^ Browne & Tho : Olnie Jun^r^

Ordered that y^e^ bill put in for a Maugazine of armes & amunition in y^e^ Towne be referd to consideration while there be an oppertunetie of supplie

Orderd y^t^ former way of training be still kept on foure times in the yeare & y^e^ .pennalltie for absence to be 2^s^ or nothing as y^e^ generall & Towne Officers or chiefe commander in y^e^ Band shall thinke meete *

Ordered y^e^ care of Jo^n^ Warners Childe be transfered to m^r^ Holyman together w^th^ his house at Warwick; & all other rights Belonging to y^e^ s^d^ Warner

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m^r^ Roger Williams Moderato^r^

Tho: Slow declared his intentions of mariage w^th^ Elizabeth Paummer

Beniamine Smith & Dan: Cumbstock propounded theire houses w^th^ thir land to y^e^ towne for sale.

June 24^th^ 55

M^r^ Roger Williams moderator

Jt was ordered if any sell to any Jndian a gallon of wine or liquors | more or lesse | either directly or indirectly he shall forfit six pounds one halfe to y^e^ informer y^e^ Constable & his aide & the other halfe to y^e^ Towne treasurie

Jt is ordered y^t^ no wine in this Towne shall be sold for more then two & twentie pence ℔ q^rt^

Jt is ordered y^t^ the sergant of this towne shall supply y^e^ place of water=Baylife

Jt is ordered y^t^ Tho: Olnie Jun:^r^ his bill should be granted to wit that his 60 acres & 20 acres be layd out to him By y^e^ Jndian field neere y^e^ place calld Stukelie his sties according to his Bill

Jt is ordered Tho: Olnie Jun^r^ his house Lot be layd out by y^e^ Stompers according to his bill prowided he follow Taning & further provided that y^e^ Towne deputi[ ] doe maintaine a sufficient high way

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July 4^th^ (55)

M^r^ Roger Williams Moderato^r^

Whereas there was search in y^e^ Towne made by Roger Moorie | & | Sam: Bennet & there was found in the possesion of m^r^ ffouler Marie Pray m^r^ Sayle*s* wine & liquors w^ch^ for theire deffect of non enterie of it it was the halfe of it forfeit to y^e^ Towne But they all pleading ignorance in the law made to y^t^ purpose were By the Towne remitted freely

ordered that whereas y^e^ Generall Court nominated m^r^ Roger William*s* m^r^ Tho: Harris & Jo^n^ Sayles to levi[ ] a rate upon this Towne the Towne saw | cause to | confirme the foresayd men.

Oct: 2. 8. 55 (so call^d^:
At a Towne Meeting: R. Will: Mod:
Ordred y^t^ Tho: Olney: Tho: Harris: Arthur Venner & Rog: Williams once more Setle y^e^ bounds betweene Sam: Comstock & Robt Colwell:

Ordred y^t^ (where as we are written to from y^e^ Jland about Sending Letters to y^e^ Bay for Powder) Lief^t^ Harris be sent with y^e^ Letters aforesaid, & y^t^ out of y^e^ rate now levied, Satisfaction be made for what Powder &c Lief^t^ Harris can get, as allso for his journey, Provided y^t^ he agree not for aboue 20^ld^ worth

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[ ] whereof Roger Williams is willing *to* ingage, to be Paid out of y^e^ Towns Rate, this with all Speede vpon y^e^ certaine tiding of y^e^ Massacre at y^e^ Dutch.

Vpon a Warrant to Prepare for y^e^ Gen: Cou*rt* of Trialls these 3 were chosen for the Jnques*t* & Trialls W^m^ Field: Jo: Field & Hen: Brow*n*

Granted to Stephen Northup 25 acr*es* And to Dan: Browne y^e^ Same:

Ordred y^t^ y^e^ Progresse of Lawes in vse y^t^ formerly were in a Loose Paper be writte*n* in y^e^ Booke w^ch^ are as followeth.

Granted to Arthur Fenner a Patch of Ground of about 3 akers lying next his Salt marsh he Paying to y^e^ Towne fiue shillings.

The Progresse in Law:

First all actionab^l^ Cases shall be tried by 6 Townesmen as *in* y^e^ Nature of a Jury: Yet with y^e^ Libertie of not being Put on Swearing: & these 6 men to be Pricked downe by y^e^ Towne quarterly, & warnd 3 dayes before the Court by y^e^ Seargeant to be ready at y^e^ day & hower appointed Vnder y^e^ Penaltie of 3^s^ for y^e^ Neglect.

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2 All Actions shall be tried by y^e^ Towne let y^e^ Summ be what it will be, which are betweene Partie & Partie.

This Order was & is much Controverted: as interfiering with y^e^ Gen: & y^e^ Town Councell

3 All writs shall goe from y^e^ Clarke w^ch^ shall be Warrant sufficient, & he to haue for his Writing 6^d^, but if y^e^ Action be aboue 5^ld^ then he shall haue for his writ j^s^. Jf the 2 Parties doe agree

then shall he haue for withdrawing the Action 4^{d} if to 5^{ld}, if aboue, then 6^{d}

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but if y^{e} Parties doe agree & y^{e} Plaintiffe Will [ ]aw y^{e} Action entred then y^{e} suit shall goe forward *unt*ill jt Come to an Jssue, & y^{e} Plaintiffe to Pay y^{e} Charge both of Jury warnd & all other

4 The S^{r}geant shall serue y^{e} writ w^{ch} if it be ag^{st} an Howskee ℔ a warning to appear at y^{e} day & Place of Tryall shall be sufficient but if jt be not ag^{st} a Townsman y^{e} S^{r}geant shall keepe him in safe Custodie vntill Bail or Agreem^{t}: & y^{e} Baile shall be an Howsekee ℔ of o^{r} Towne, or one knowne to be sufficient to discharge y^{e} Debt or Dammage y^{t} may ensue & y^{e} S^{r}geant shall haue for his Paines in serving y^{e} writ if y^{e} Debt to 5^{ld}, 1^{s}, if aboue 5^{ld} 18^{d}, & after y^{e} rate of 2^{s} ℔ day for waiting if not baild within 2 howres, & after y^{e} Arrest y^{e} S^{r}geant shall giue notice of y^{e} Arrest to y^{e} Clarke

5 The Plaintiffe shall declare his Case in writing within 3 dayes after y^{e} Writ is served, & shall Pay for filing y^{e} Declaration 4^{d}, w^{ch} if y^{e} Defend^{t} will see, y^{e} Clarke shall copie jt out, & shall haue for his Paines 6^{d}: Jf jt exceed 10 handsome

lines, then he shall haue j^{s}, but if jt be halfe a sheete of Paper, then he shall haue 2^{s}

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6. Jt shall be in y^{e} Defend^{ts} Libertie whether he will answer in Writing or no, Jf he doe he shall Put in his Answere within 3 dayes after he hath receaved y^{e} Declaration , Provided y^{t} he take a Copie of y^{e} Declaration , within 2 dayes after y^{t} jt be Put in, y^{t} y^{e} Triall be not hindred, & y^{e} Defend^{t} to Pay to y^{e} Clark for filing his Answer 4^{d}:

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7 [ ] ke agst y^{e} Day of Triall shall draw vp the *Declaration &* Answ: if there be any: if none then y^{e} Declaration, & shall read them twice & y^{e} Plaintiff if he will may open his Case more fully, either by himself or by his Atturney, & so likewise y^{e} Defend^{t} sha*ll* answer either by himselfe, or his Atturney, where they sh*all* haue time sufficient to debate y^{e} Cause betweene th*em* untill y^{e} Bench shall say jt is enough, who shall be Jud*ges* of y^{e} Court & no other : w^{ch} Judges shall engage the witnesses or cause the Clarke to read jt to them, as allso to examine y^{e} witnesses, ingage y^{e} 6 Men & if th*ey* see jt good may Councell y^{e} 6 Men, who are to goe vpon y^{e} Case & to deale truely in jt, knowing their Jngagement:

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8 After y^e^ 6 men haue heard y^e^ Case pleaded, they shall goe aside to consult about jt, y^e^ Sear-*geant* attending y^t^ none come to speake with them, without y^e^ licence of y^e^ Court : After they are return*ed* the Clarke shall Call them Man by man to see j*f* they be all there : w^ch^ if they be he shall ask the*m* if they be agreed on their Verdict: Jf answer be ma*de* by them yea, y^e^ Clark shall ask who they find for, & accordingly as they find shall write jt down Jf they find for y^e^ Plaintiffe he shall know of th*em* what Dammage & Cost : & if the Judge ple*ase* they may haue | twelue pence | for each man of them before th*ey* speake, w^ch^ the Plaintiffe shall Pay them, & allso twelue pence for y^e^ S^r^geant for attending the Jury or Triers.

9 Jf the Case goe ag^st^ y^e^ Defend^t^ he shall haue 10 day*s* Libertie before y^e^ Execution, be served to remo*ve* his Case if he judge himselfe wronged, w^ch^ with a Writ from any of y^e^ Gen: Assist^ts^ or Presid^t^, he m*ay*

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*p*rovided y^t^ he pay y^e^ present charge of Cou*rt and put* in Sufficient Baile to answer jt in y^e^ Colon: Court,

10 The Execution shall goe from y^e^ Deputies vnder their hands & y^e^ S^r^geant shall haue for serv-

ing jt 2^{s} 6^{d} : & what Goods or Cattell or Whatsoeuer is taken shall be prized, by 2 Townesmen warnd by y^{e} S^{r}geant & if none will buy them there shall be so much as y^{e} Debt & dammage commeth to dd to the Plaintiffe: Jf there be ouerplus dd to him, he shall returne jt to the Owner in any mc^{r}hantable pay y^{e} plaintiff hath: Jn Case he haue not goods sufficient the person must satisfie according to y^{e} Gen: Order. The S^{r}geant shall haue 2^{s} 6^{d} the day Paid him by y^{e} Plaintiffe for waiting on y^{e} Execution, & y^{e} Plaintiffe to reckon jt to the whole summe.

The 3rd of Novemb 55 (so calld)

Roger Williams Moderat: | Jo: Sailes Towne Clarke absent:

Ordred y^{t} since o^{r} neighbo^{r} Pike hath diuers times applied himselfe with Complaints to y^{e} Towne for helps in this his sad Condition of his Wiues distraction he shall repaire to y^{e} Towne Treasurer who js hereby authorized & required (as moneys Come into his hand) to Pay vnto y^{e} said Pike to y^{e} Summe of fiftie shillings : And y^{e} Towne Promiseth vpon his further want & Complaint, he shall be supplied though to y^{e} Value of 10$^{\pounds}$ or more

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Ordred y^{t} y^{e} Publication of mariage shall be vnder y^{e} hand of a Magistrate set upon some eminent Tree in y^{e} Towne

streete, after w^ch^ publication the mariage shall be lawfull, | after a fortnight | if no Exception Come in within y^t^ fortnights time:

Jt: in extraordinary cases persons may in a shorter

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time pro*cure* & purchase a Towne meeting wherein there may be publication.

Orderd y^t^ y^e^ Rate appointed by y^e^ Towne & Col: & se*t* by Ro: Williams: Tho. Harris & Jo: Sayles shall be pr*o*ceeded in according to y^e^ Lawes prouided:

Ordred y^t^ y^e^ matter of Fortification ag^st^ y^e^ Barbaria*ns* be further debated on y^e^ next 4^th^ day (wensday)

Novem. 14^th^ 1655

M^r^ Rog: Williams Moderater

Ordered that y^e^ gathering of y^e^ rate at Pautuxet be suspended untill letter be sent to y^e^ Massachuset

Ordered no person or prsons shall hau*e* any land recorded untill he hath set his hand to a ingadgement to be obedient to y^e^ lawes of y^e^ Towne

Orderd y^e^ Sergeant shall haue for Colle*ct*ing y^e^ rate eighteen pence on y^e^ pound privided that it Be woluntarily pay*d* & for

so much of it as will not be paid but by distrainte ye sergeant is to be alowed halfe a crown on ye pound & the occasioners of ye disturbance are to pay ower & aboue theire rate what charges ye sargeant is at for the hireing of aide

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Janu. 28th 1655 at a quarter Court
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Mr Tho: Olnie Senr Moderator

Jt was propounded to a Wainskut Jndian by name Pamessick that they might improue ye land they haue there broke up for two years yet to Come prowided they breake no more there nor doe no wayes molest or Cattel & fence in theire Corne

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Ordered yt mr Rog: Williams & mr Olnie draw a letter in answer to one from Will: Arnold dated ye 4th of 10th 1655

Ordered that libertie is giuen to so many as please to erect a fortification upon the Stompers hill or about theire owne houses

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Ordered that there be 3 men Chosen yearlie in this Towne that Shall haue power to end all differences in matters of debt or damage prowided the cause | or causes | exceede not ye summ of fortie shillings. but in case either ℔tie be not satisfied they may haue libertie within sixe dayes to appeale to an orderlie towne tryall the ℔tie apealing paying 3s to ye 3 men & all other Charge of witneses & yt these 3 men shall be au-

thorised to grant forth warrants to Bring the parties to a tryall Before them & that it be not tolerated a[ ] ye other tryall at y^e^ Towne Court while this course be taken. & further y^t^ y^e^ Charge of witnesses Bee waliued By these 3 men

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*and that a*llso these 3 men in case there b*e no appe*ale shall graunt forth execution.

The 3 men Chosen for this ℔sent yeare are m^r^ Rog: Williams m^r^ Tho: Olnie Sen m^r^ Tho: Harris

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ordered that y^e^ Attou|r|nies fee is mod*e*rated from 6:^s^ 8^d^ to 3:^s^ 4^d^

Ordered y^t^ Tho: Roberts shall haue a share of Meddow layd out to him in y^e^ Swam*p* by Will: ffield his woolfe trapp

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Tho: Olnie Jun^r^ hath so much of the Stampers boottom as could be spared from a highway for his home share & 80 akers at Wainskock

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Ordered that Rog : Moorie may haue his land layd out according to his Bil*l*

Chosen for this quarter to serue as Jurie men Tho: Wallin. Edw: Jnman , Vall: Whitman . James Ashton Tho: Roberts Tho: Hopkins

March 6th 1655
1656
Mr Rogr Williams Moderatr

Chosen for Commissionrs to attend the Generll Court to be held at Warwick on tuesday next mr Rog: Williams mr Tho: Olnie mr Tho: Harris mr Rich: Waterman mr ffield Tho: Roberts three whereof namely Tho: Roberts Tho: Harris, Rich: Waterman are to attend ye same Court as Jurie men.

Ordered yt mr Williams send a letter to the Pawtuxet in answer to theires of ye 15th *febr 1655.*

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Apr: 27: 29th 1656 at a quar*ter Cou*rt

Mr Roger Williams Moderatr

Jt | is | ordered upon receit of a Letter from ye Governr of ye Baye that a man be sent thither to treate about ye busines of Pautuxet.

The man Chosen to goe is Mr Tho: Olnie Senr

Ordered yt Mr Roger Williams Tho: Harris Will: ffield Tho: Roberts & Arthur ffenner shall measure the Lots yt lye betweene Rob: Pyke & Jon Clauson

first | 2nd day in | Jun: 1656.
Mr Tho: Olnie Modderatr

Jon Sayles is Chosen Town clark for this ensueing yeare

Ordered yt Rich: Waterman & Tho: Harris be added to ye foure Officers to make a Towne Councell.

Ordered that all wine & liq^{rs} that is retailed after y^{e} rate of eight ℔^{d} | in this Towne. | the excise shall be p^{d} at eight ℔^{d}.

Ordered y^{t} all | Spanish | wine that is retailed in this Towne shall be sold at 22^{d} ℔ q^{rt} & all liq^{rs} at 3^{s} ℔ q^{rt} & in case any whoe doe retaile exceede these prises upon proofe thereof the ℔ties offending shall forfeit for everie q^{rt} not sold at y^{e} prise aboues^{d} the summ of 5^{s} at 8 ℔^{d}

Chosen for Jurie men to attend the next generall Court of tryalls Viz Rich: Waterman Chris: Smith Tho: Angell.

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Order'd that all inhabitants thoug[ ] not as yet accounted free men *in* this Towne yet shall be lyable *to* be Chosen to doe serwice in y^{e} To*wn*

Ordered y^{t} if any man in this Tow*n* be Chosen to y^{e} Office of a Constable & he so Chosen shall notwi*th*standing refuse to serwe it is her*e*by ordered y^{t} he or they so refusing shall pay to y^{e} Towne trea*su*rie twentie shillings

M^{r} Arthur ffenner Chosen Towne deputie for this yeare ensueing

M^{r} Will: ffield Chosen Towne Deputie for this yeare ensueing

M^{r} Tho: Harris Chosen Towne Tre*a*surer for this next yeare

Sam: Benet Chosen Seriant for this yeare

Ordered that if any person in this Towne be or shall be Chosen to y^e^ offi*ce* of a Town Deputie & he so Chosen shall yet refuse to serue it is hereby ordered y^t^ hee or they s*o* refuseing shall pay to y^e^ Towne Treasurie three pounds.

The 3 men Chosen for this yeare to trie Cases in this Towne no*t* amounting to y^e^ sum of 40^s^ are these namely m^r^ Tho: Olnie Sen m^r^ ffield . m^r^ ffenn^r^

Ordered that y^e^ Town : Clar*k* shall ingadge m^r^ ffield

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Whoe is Chosen for *Town D*eputie as allso Hen : Browne whoe is Ch*o*sen Constable but if they refuse y^e^ Clarke is to returne their answers to y^e^ Towne Deputies

Chosen for surwayer for this yeare Vallentine Whitman & Nich : Power

Chosen for haywards Edward Smith & Dan: Browne.

June 19^th^ 1656

Moderator M^r^ Arthur ffenner,

Ordered y^t^ if any officer or Officer*s* legally Chosen within this Town for y^e^ Towne Serwice shall refuse to serue in their sewerall places it is ordered, that y^e^ first in denomination shall be fined according to y^e^ Towne Law so allso y^e^ second & y^e^ third untill one shall be found to serue:

Ordered y^t^ o^r^ sergeant shall officiate as a Water Baylife likewise for this year ensueing

Ordered y^t this meeting be adiourned untill y^e next first day at night

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27th *56* (so calld)

At a qu*arter*ly meeting

M^r W^m Field Towne Deputie Moderat*or* Because few were present & bills of Consequen*ce* were presented y^e Court adjourned untill the 27 of y^e 6^t mon: (August) next ensuing.

At a meeting Aug: 27^th^ 1656

M^r Will: ffield Modderat^r

Ordered y^t Rich: Waterman & Tho: Harr*is* be apointed to set y^e bounds Between Th*omas* Olnie Jun^r & Christ: Smith in the Stampers Bottom.

Ordered y^t Dan: Cumbstock Stee: North*up* & Edw: Smith be received into Voat w^th y^e Jnhabitants of y^e Towne & y^t they haue Common equall w^th any on*e* Townseman

Ordered y^t y^e Treasurer forth with imploy men to erect a Caige in o^r town & to pay them out of y^e treasur*y*

Ordered y^t y^e Caige be set up in y^e highway at y^e corner of m^r Rob: William*s* his lot

Ordered y^t y^e rate shall be gathered

Ordered y^t Tho: Wallin haue layd out to him a parcell of Meddow being about an aker lying to y^e Southwa*rd* on Steephen Northup his share of Meddoe in part of a share

Ordered y^t^ Good: Morie haue a | house | Lot layd out to him upon y^e^ hill ower against m^r^ Rob: Williams his Medd*ow*

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Ordered y[ ] Dan: C[ ]ck his bill is answered a graun [ ] parcell of land adioneing to his [ ]nd in y^e^ great Swamp & so to goe to y^e^ upper end of y^e^ Swamp

Ordered y^t^ Steephen Northup haue a home Lot Layd out to him ower against Christopher Smith his Lot.

Ordered y^t^ Vallentine Whitman have a house Lot layd out to him on y^e^ other side adioineing to y^e^ land graunted to Rog: Moorie.

Ordered y^t^ y^e^ former Towne Law that restraineth men from selling of win[ ] or Liquors to y^e^ Jndians by wholesale is by this towne Court repealed

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At a Towne meeteing y^e^ 2^nd^ October 1656
M^r^ Tho: Harris Moderat^r^

Chosen for Jurie men & Commissio[ ] are M^r^ Roger Williams M^r^ Thomas Olnie senior M^r^ Waterman M^r^ Nickolas Power M^r^ Tho: Robertes Tho: Harris three whereof are to serue allso as jurie men Viz Nickolas Power Rich: Waterman Thos Harris

The Towne order y^t^ those Jnhabitants shall haue a ℘cell of land against theire Lots

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At a quarter Court held y^e^ 27^th^ Octo: 1656
M^r^ ffield Modera^tr^

Ordered y^t^ y^e^ | two Haywards | Chosen for this last yeare shall viewe y^e^ fences of y^e^ severall fields belonging to this Towne & give notice to y^e^ owners of y^e^ fence where it shall be found insufficient y^t^ theire fences be comp*lete*ly set up at or before y^e^ 10^th^ of March.

Ordered y^t^ y^e^ law inforceing to y^e^ yoakeing & wringing of Swine in this Towne be & is By this Court abrogated

Ordered y^t^ if | on | ye quarter Days Company ape*ar* not according to a former Law y^t^ such as meete may proceede | to | act

Ordered y^t^ Epenitus Olnie shall haue a house Lot layd out to him at y^e^ heade *of* M^r^ Dexter his Lot

Ordered y^t^ m^r^ William White be accommodat*ed* w^th^ a house Lot adioineing to Beniamine Herndell his house | Lot | and further acco*rd*ing to convenience

Ordered y^t^ it be left to y^e^ discretion of y^e^ Towne Deputies about y^e^ inlargei*ng* of Beniamine Herndell his Lot.

Ordered y^t^ Jo^n^ Jones haue his due graunte*d* to him of land and allowance for y^e^ highway over his meddow at small Brooke acco*rd*ing to y^e^ discretion of y^e^ Towne Deputi[ ]

Ordered y^t^ Arthur ffenner Christopher Smith & Will: ffenner haue theire Lots inlarged according to y^e^ discretion of the Towne Deputies

Ordered y^t^ Sam: Bennet be p^d^ 20^lb^ out of y^e^ monie due from Will: ffield for excise it being due to y^e^ s^d^ Sam: for y^e^ serwice he did y^e^ Towne as sergant

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At a quarter Court Jan: 27^th^ 1656
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M^r^ Tho: Olnie Moderator

Ordered that Tho: Wallin haue a ℔cell of Meddow lying on y^e^ right hand of y^e^ path goeing to Wainskock in full of his right of Meddow.

Ordered y^t^ William ffield Arthur ffenner m^r^ Roger Williams Tho: Harris Tho: Roberts settle y^e^ bounds of y^e^ Lots in Controwersie in y^e^ new field

Ordered y^t^ Edw: Jnman haue fiue akers of Land layd out to him between y^e^ bridge y^t^ goes to m^r^ Scots meddow & m^r^ Dexters bridge in y^e^ liewe of his meddow.

Ordered y^t^ Hen: Browne haue a sixe Aker Lot to Southward of Epi: Olnie at y^e^ heade of m^r^ Dexters home lot

Ordered y^t^ Vall: Whitman haue a 6 Aker Lot next to Hen: Browne.

Chosen for Jurie men this quarter Tho: Wallin Jo^{n} Jones Ben: Herndell Edw: Smith Will: Robbinson Epenetus Olnie.

Ordered y^{t} M^{r} ffenner & Jo^{n} Sayles draw up a remonstrance to certefie to y^{e} gennerall Court to be held in ma|r|ch next at Newport concerning y^{e} innocencie of Jo^{n} Smith & Tho: Hopkins being Cleare so farr as we conceiue from y^{e} breache of any law in y^{e} matter for w^{ch} they were presented

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At a T*own* meeteing held y*e* 25 ffeb: 1656.
M^{r} ffenner Moderator

Ordered y^{t} y^{e} Towne Clark send a note to Richar*d* Waite to produce by what power he hath seize*d* upon Rich: Chasemore he being bound over to a*n*swere for fact in o^{r} Collonie

Ordered y^{t} Sam: Bennet & Ben: Herndell carr*y* y^{e} note but y^{e} returnes Waite refuseing *to* come

Ordered y^{t} y^{e} Moderato^{r} send for Rich: Waite by a Warrant to be serwed by the Constable whereupon Waite apeared & shewed his Commission w^{ch} being reade the Constable was Cha*r*ged wth Rich: Chasemore & him in safe Custody to Keepe while y^{e} Towne take further Orderes

Ordered y^{t} Rich: Waite shall haue a Copie of y*e* Towne Deputies Warrant

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At a Towne meeting March *25th* 1656
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Mr ffennr Moderator

Ordered yt whereas Jon Smith Commenced a*n* action against Homoos | an | Jndian being both ignorant of ye law & Jon Smith pleadeing for a present tryall & ye defendnt being being willing ye Towne haue therefore ordered they may for this present ꝑvided ye Towne intends not this for a President for ye future:

Ordered yt ye Towne meet be adiourned for one hower

Chosen for Jurie men to attend this next Genarll Court of tryalls to be held at Newport the 2nd Tuesday of this Jnstant

Tho: Harris
Vall: Whitman
Tho: Wallin .

Ordered yt ye Clark draw up a note to send to desire ye Presidents Companie at this meeting .

Ordered yt or Constable shall against ye next Gen: Court of tryalls conweigh ye bodie of Rich Chasemore to Newport ye place where ye sayd Court is to be held but in case ye Gen: Court *r*efuse to admit of his ꝑsent tryall then the *C*onstable is to returne him back hither to *a*ttend according to his Bond taken of him the sayd Rich: by the President

Ord: yt ye Remonstrance drawne accordin to order by

m^r ffenner & Jo^n Sayles is aprowed & shall be sent to y^e Gen: Court at Newport

ord y^t this Court be adiourned to y^e Presid^ts house .

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At a Towne meeteing march 6^th 1656

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Ord: y^t y^e Clark forthwith draw up a letter to be sent to y^e 3 townes to relate concerning *ye* Transactions between y^e Towne & y^e Marshal of y^e Massachuset w^th reference to y^e busines*s* concerning Rich: Chasemore.

Ordered y^t Jo^n Smiths sale of a 60 Aker Lot be recorded to Gregorie Dexter & Thomas Roberts

Ord: y^t Chris: Smith haue a share of Meddow layd out to him beyond a meddow commonly called y^t y^e Wolds end in lue of a share of Meddow formerly layd out to him between the greate Meddow & Pautucket path .

Ordered y^t y^e Clarke draw up a letter of y^e same tennor aboue sayd to be directed *to* y^e Gen: Court of tryall now next aproac*h*ing.

Ap: 27^th 57 At a quarter Court M^r ffenn^r Modera*tor*

Ordered y^t Rob: West. Tho: Hopkins. Tho: Rob*erts* Will: Haukins James Ashton Nich: Pow*er* Ann Harris & Jo^n Sayles shall hau*e* two Akers & halfe of land layd out *to* each of them to make up theire hom*e* lots according to a former Order whe*n* they can finde it free

Ord y^{t} hen: Reddock shall haue liber|tie| to se*ll* his Lot according to his Bill.

Ord y^{t} Jo^{n} Crosmans be accommodated in *the* Cow pen according to his Bill provided h*e* damnifie not y^{e} Highway & subscribe t*o* the Towne Booke

Ord y^{t} Jo^{n} Jones shall have 4 Aker layd out to him at y^{e} head of his house lot insteade of 16 Akers due to *him from the Town.*

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Ord: y^{t} Rob: Collwell haue libertie to change his meddow

Ord: y^{t} Sam: Bennet haue libertie to sell his house lot prowided it be no Presedent for y^{e} future

Ord: y^{t} Tho: Wallin haue | a | sixe Aker lot layd out to him on y^{e} east side of his six aker lot in steade of 20 Akers due to him from y^{e} Towne.

Ord: y^{t} Jo^{n} Sayles his sale of a 60 Aker lot & piece of Meddow unto Tho: Wallin be recorded

Chose for Jurie men to attend this next quarter Tho: Robert Tho: Hopkins James Ashton Vall: Whitman Tho: Wallin Jo^{n} Joanes.

Ord: y^{t} whereas y^{e} Towne hath rec^{d} two letters from W: Arnold of Pautuxet beareing date y^{e} 11th & 16th of Apr: 1657 Concerning decieding of differences by Arbitrato^{s} it is Ordered y^{t} y^{e} letter drawn up & read in this meeting be sent to him & y^{e} rest of Pautuxet under y^{e} Towne Clarks hand.

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The Verdict of us Thomas Olny, John Brown, Thomas Angel, William Barrowes, Thomas Hopkins John Smit[ ] James Ashton, Thomas Sucklin, Thomas Roberts, Nicholas Power, John ffield, William Wickenden, having made inquiry by what witnes they can know of or heare of touching the death of Margaret Goodwin: We find so neare as we can judge, that either the terriblenes of the crack of thunder on the second of the third moneth 16[ ] or the coldnes of the night, being she was naked, did kil*l* her

Providence the 4th of the 3d moneth 1651

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At a Towne meeteing May 14th 1657 Mr ffenner Moderatr

Chosen for Comissionrs to attend ye Gen: Court to be held at Newport in May next

Arthur ffenner	Tho: Wallin
Thomas Harris	Sam: Bennet
James Ashton	Jon: Sayles

Ordered yt Sam: Bennet shall haue his 6 Aker lot layd out to him adioineing to ye land layd out for addion to ye lower end lots in ye neck

Ord: yt Matturine Bellue haue three Akers of land layd out to him amongst ye lots aboue sayd

Ord: yt Jon Browne haue three akers of land layd out to him amongst ye lots aboue saide in exchange of so much to be layd downe by him elswhere

Ord: y^t Jo^n Sayles shall haue y^e 2 akers & halfe of land in y^e neck y^t was lately layed out to him upon y^e account of addition to his lot y^t he shall now inioie it as a reward for his serwice done to y^e Towne as Towne Clark

Ord: y^t it be recorded in answer to Will: Wickendells Bill y^t y^e Towne cannot conceiwe any right he hath in any addition to his home lot

Ord: y^t Hen: | Browne | shall haue a small parcell of land layd out to him on y^e south side of Ann Harris her lot in y^e Neck

Ord: y^t Tho: Arnold haue libertie to exchange his sixe aker lot for a six aker lot on y^e other side y^e way prowided there be roome

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Order*ed* [ ]
to his house lot

June 2^nd 1657

M^r ffield Modderato^r

Jo^n Sayles Chosen Towne Clark

M^r ffield M^r Hen: Browne Town Deputies for this yeare ensueing

Jo^n Jones Chosen for Towne serga*nt* this yeare ensueing

Jo^n Sayles Treasurer for y^e yeare ens*u*ing:

Ordered y^t M^r Roger Williams be accommodated w^th two akers & halfe of land amongst y^e rest of y^e neighbo^rs at y*e* fur-

ther bayliffes Coue he laying downe land elsewhere equivalen*t* to it in y^e^ Judgement of y^e^ Tow*n* deputies.

Ord: y^e^ James Mattison be accommodat*ed* w^th^ a house lot among y^e^ rest of y^e^ nei*gh*bors at y^e^ further Bayliffs Coue.

Ord: y^t^ M^r^ ffenner haue libertie to e*x*change a 6 aker lot w^ch^ he bought of Goodman lippet lying at Notakon*k*anit for 6 Akers elsewhere

Ordered y^t^ it be recorded upon y^e^ retu*rn* of y^e^ Deputies to y^e^ Towne y^t^ the*y* hau*e* according to a Towne law they hau*e* layd out land to these persons as fo*llow*eth Viz: to George Shepard 2 akers to y^e^ Widdow man 5 akers to Jo^n^ Sayle*s* 2 : ½ to Nich: Power 5: to Ann Harris 2½ to Tho: Hopkins 2

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to Ro *West* 5. *to* Jos*h*ua Winsor 2½ to Jams Ashton 2½ to Will: Haukins 5 to Tho: Roberts 2½ all lying upon y^e^ further side of y^e^ further Bayliffs Coue between y^e^ grea*t* Swamp. & y^e^ Salt Riwer: /

y^e^ Deputies returned y^t^ they haue layd out to m^r^ ffenner 20: akers of land boundeing upon Pachasit Riuer w^ch^ he y^e^ s^d^ m^r^ ffenner bought of Goodman lippet as also 15 akers of land adioineing to it upon his owne Righ*t* due to him from y^e^ Towne: being in all 35 Akers more or lesse

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At a Towne meeteing (June y^e^ 22^th^ 1657 M^r^ Olnie Moderat^r^.

Chosen for Jurie men to attend the next Gen*eral* Court of

Tryalls to be held at Warwick on y^e^ last Tuseday in this month Viz

Christopher Smith
Nicholas Power
Roger Moorie:

Ordered y^t^ Steephen Northup shall haue 4 Akers of land amongst y^e^ lots layed out at Baylifes Coue in liew of all y^e^ land yet due to him from y^e^ Towne

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At a Towne meeteing August 25 1657 M^r^ Will: ffield moderator.

Chosen for y^e^ The towne Councill M^r^ Rog: Williams M^r^ Olnie M^r^ ffield M^r^ ffenner M^r^ Browne M^r^ Harris

Granted to George Way y^e^ pond called Swan Pond & y^e^ pond y^t^ was formerly giuen to Robert Colwell w^th^ a parcell of Land lying on y^e^ top of a hill between three hills to the westward of y^e^ ponde in full of his whole share of meddow

Ordered y^t^ James Ellis be accommodated w^th^ a small parcell of Land neere to What Cheere prowided y^t^ it intrench not upon y^e^ Highway or meere = bank & that he subscribe to y^e^ Towne Booke

Ordered y^t^ y^e^ Treasurer pay unto Ralph Earle | his wife | eighteen shillings at 6 ℔^d^ out of y^e^ treasuri[ ] w^ch^ y^e^ Towne Commissioners were in hir debt:

At a Towne meeteing Octo: 1rst 57
Mr William ffield Moderator

Chosen for Jurie men Tho: Angel Edw: Jnman Vall: Whitman

Ordered yt because of ye often & ꝑsent greate difficultie of getting ten to make a Towne meeteing yt if upon lawfull warning seven onely meet theire *Meet*ing shall be legall.

Ordered yt if ye Towne sergeant warne not everie free Jnhabitant he shall be lyable to be fined by ye Towne

Ordered yt whereas ye Towne Councill Chose Rog: Mawrie Administrator to Will: Robiso dec|e|ased ye Towne confirmes their Choise

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At a Towne meeteing Octo. 27th (57)
Mr William ffield Moderator

At a quarter Court Jan. 27th 1657
Mr Will: ffield Moderator
Whereas Nich: Power late of or Towne died intestate, & or Towne Councell whose place it is to supplie in such Cases haueing reported to us of theire obstruction in regard ye Generall Lawe was not so full it is ordered yt this theire reporte be recorded & that ye Gen = Court be requested to make further provision in such Cases.

Ordered yt from henceforth ye Towne Officers see & take Care yt no Jndians sit downe to Jnhabit in ye Neck

Ordered y^t^ differences ariseing betweene Jndians & English shall be jssued by o^r^ two Towne Magistrates & y^e^ Generall Officers

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Ordered y^t^ Arthur ffenner Roger Moorie Vall: Whitman & Jo^n^: Sayles be impowred to *t*reate w^th^ y^e^ Jndians y^t^ lay claime to y^e^ meddowe of Lokusgussuck & cleere it for y^e^ Towne & y^t^ they aboue mentioned be accommodated therein.

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Ordered y^t^ Epenetus Olnie accor*d*ing *to his* request be accommodated equall to a full purchaser.

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*O*rdered y Lawrence Wilkison shall haue thre*e* Akers of land lying by y^e^ New field beyon*d* y^e^ greate Swamp.

Ordered y^t^ Steephen Northup be accommodated w*ith* a small parcell of land according to his bil*l* according to y^e^ discretion of y^e^ Towne Deputie*s*

Ordered y^t^ Tho: Arnold turne y^e^ way y^t^ goeth *t*hrough his meddow he makeing another way sufficient for carting

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Ordered y^t^ Tho: Arnold haue an addition to his house lot as y^e^ rest of y^e^ Neighbours if y^e^ ground will admit

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Ordered y^t^ Tho: Arnold haue tenn akers of upland in liew of two shares of meddowe adioineing to my 6 akers lying on y^e^ west of y^e^ Riv*er*

Ordered y^t y^e Treasurer pay to Roger Moorie 1^s: 6^d out of y^e Treasurie for this daies fireing & house roome.

Ordered that Hen: Neale haue a six aker lot layd out to him adioineing to his meddoe y^t | he | bought of Dan: Combstock & two shares of meddoe in y^e greate Swamp or in y^e Swamp by M^r Dexters bridge

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At a Towne meeteing ffeb: 27^th 57

M^r Olnie Moderat^r

Chosen for Commissioners to attend the next meeting at Portsmouth in march next.

M^r Olnie
M^r ffield
M^r ffenner
Will: Carpenter
Zach: Roades
Edw: Jnman.

Chosen for Jurie men to attend y^e next Court of tryalls to held at Portsmouth

Edw: Jnman
Zach: Rhoades
Will: Carpenter

Ordered y^t y^e towne Deputies lay out to Will: White a small parcell of land by his Lot if they see meete.

Ordered y^t^ Tho: Harris Jun^r^ supply the Place of a surveighor in y^e^ Roome of Nich: Power: Deceased

℔vidence the 27^th^ of the 2^nd^ month 58

Jt is ordered that if any ℔son or ℔sons shall from this time forward be so bold and hardy, as to pluck vp, or breake downe, any bound Stake or cut downe any tree, which is the bounds of any mans Land, or bettweene Neighbour and neighbour, the saide ℔te so ofending, being Complayned of to any of the Towne Deputyes, and Convicted by two wittnesses shall pay or forfitt to this Towne, the sume of twenty shillinges for euery Stake, Stone, tree, or bound, and the same to be taken away or distrayned of by the Constable of the saide Towne by a warant from any two of the three magistrates handes, or Elce whosoeuer doth neglect the same either not Giueing or serueing the distresse, of either Deputey, Genrall Assistant or Constable, shall pay vnto the Towne Treasurey the saide money aforsaide : /

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William White hath Graunted him by the Towne, a share for his meddow, Lieing about | the head of | m^r^ Dexters Ground by the little swampe neere Thomas Wallings.

Jt is ordered that from this tyme forward if any mans fence b*e* *def*ectiue in this Towne of ℔vidence, and vpon the vew of any of the Deputyes of this Towne (being Complayned too) be found defect*ive* and the saide Defects being made knowne vnto the ℔ties whos*e* bad fence it is, and not made vpp or Good

and suffitient in the tyme ꝑ^r^fixed by the Deputy, or Deputyes, the sayde ꝑtye or ꝑtyes, so neglecteing shall forfiett to this Towne the some of 20^s^ for euery such ofence, and the damage that may fall to the ꝑtey receiueing the wrong, and to be taken vpon destresse by the Constable of the Towne by a warrant from any of the Deputyes, and if theire be any neglect either in Deputye*s* or Constable in not Giueing the Destresse or destrayneing the saide money aforsaide, either of them where the negle*ct* is found shall pay the money : /

At a Towne meeteing May 15^th^ 1658
M^r^ Olnie Moderator
Ordered y^t^ all those that jnioy land in | y^e^ jurisdiction of | this Towne are freemen.

Chosen for Commisioners to attend y^e^ ne*xt* | Generall | Court to be held at Warwick.

The Court adiourned for halfe an hower

Chosen for Commisioners to attend the next Gen. Court to be held at Warwick M^r^: ffenner Rich: Waterman H: Br*own* m^r^ field Zach: Roades Whitman

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The 27^th^ of the 2^nd^ month 58
Edward Jnman is Receiued a Purchaser,
Shadrah Manton hath a peece of medow Graunted him for his | halfe | share, on this Side John Smythes aboue Wan-

scuck if it be not already taken vp; Also his house share next Epenetus olney toward the Great Swampe

Edward Jnman is to pay to Samuell Bennett 17^{s} of the 30 that he is to pay to the Towne: for wch the Towne is indebted: /

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* all, or the greatest part of them shall be found mos*t* sutable to their estate & condition, & to that end, to make & ordaine such Civill orders & Constitutions, & to inflict such punishments upon transgressors; & for execution thereof & of the Comon Law of the Colony agreed unto, & the penaltyes & so many of them as are not añexed already unto the Colony Court of Tryall to place & displace Officers of Justice, as they or the greatest part of them shall by free consent agree unto, provided neverthelesse, that the said Lawes, Constitutions & punishments for the civill Government of the said Plantation, be conformable to the Lawes of England, so far as the nature & constitution of that place will admit: yet alwayes reserving to the abovesaid Generall Assemb: power & Authority to dispose the Gen: Government of y^{t} Plantation, as it stands in reference to the rest of the Plantations; & we the said Assembly do further Authorize the aforesaid Jnhabitants to elect & ingage all such aforesaid Officers upon the 1st 2nd day of June Annually; And moreover we authorize the said Jnhabitants for the better transacting of their publike affaires to make & use a Publike Seale, as the Known Seale of Providence Plantation Jn the Narriganset Bay Jn New England. Jn testi-

* See the appendix.

mony wherof, we the said Gen: Assemb: have hereunto set o^{r} hands & Seale, the 14th of March 1648 Portsmouth

John Warner Clerke of the Assembly

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modderat^{r} Chosen

At a Court of Election June the 6th 1659
Tho: Olney Sen^{r} Modderat^{r}

order for 2 Constables

Jt is ordred by this ℘^{r}sant Assembley that from this tyme forward there shall be two Constables Chosen for this Towne, any former Law to the Contr*a*rey not withstanding: /

offecers Elected & Jngaged

Thomas Olney Sen^{r}*
William Carpenter
Thomas Olney Jun^{r}
Chosen Towne Clarke
John Sayles Treasurer
John ffenner Seargant
m^{r} Roger Williams, m^{r} Arthur ffenner, and m^{r} John Sayles are Chosen to make vpp the the Towne Councell,
John Browne, & Vallentine Whittman are Chosen Surueiors of the high wayes,

Chosen Towne Deputy ffor this ℘^{r}sant yeare

Elected and Jngaged -

Steeuen Arnold Chosen Cunstable and Jngaged,

*Ju is written over Se, thereby transforming Sen^{r} into Jun^{r}, in a different ink and apparently by a later hand.

[ ]aniell [ ]rowne

Daniell Browne being Chosen by the Towne & to serue Cunstable, but

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not ffound

ffor as much as he Canott be at ℘rsant found to take his Jngagment,

an order concerning him

Jt is therefore orded by this ℘rsant Assembly that the: Clarke shall send for the said Daniell Browne to take his jngagment but if he Reffuse to Come, then the Town Deputy shall Jshue forth a warrant to bring him before the Clarke to take his Jngagment, which if he Refuse to take then shall he be liable to pay his fine acording to Law; and then the next in Choyse shall serue:

Vall: Whitt next in Choyse

Vallentine Wittman is next in Choyse for Cunstable, James Ashton next in Choyse to him: /

ordered ffor the Clarke to Send a letter to the Genrl Recordr

ordred that the Clarke send a letter Vnto the Generall Recorder in the behalfe of the Towne to Signifie Vnto him that the Coppey which was sent from him Vnto the Towne bearing date the 17th of May 1659 is not a True Copey of the Court order: and that the doe not owne itt: /

A Copey of the letter:

A Trew Coppey of a letter sent to mr Sanford about the Court order

As ffolloweth

mr

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Mr Sanford the Towne of ℘vidence Veiwing

A Copey of the Letter Sent to the Record[r]

the last Coppey sent to them as acts of the Generall Court held at ℘vidence the 17[th] of May 1659 doe Signiffie Vnto you that it is not a True Copey Therefore they doe nott owne it, this acording to yo[r] place Signiffie vnto the Rest acording to law, with o[r] loues to yo[r] &c: Rest in the name of the Towne

Tho: Olney Jun[r] Towne Clarke

Tho: Olney Sen[r] his Account Giuen

Jn the face of the Court Tho: Olney Sen[r] hath Giuen in his Account of the Towne Treasurey; Vnto m[r] Sayles Towne Tresurer, and due vnto Tho: Olney 0—1—10: and all former Accountes Cleared:

Quarter Court

Att A Quarter | day meeting | July the 27[th] 659 m[r] ffeild Modderat[r]

Jurey men Chosen

Tho: Angell, James Ashton, John Jones; Edward Jnman, Edward Smyth, Tho: Robertes, are Chosen Jurey men ffor this Quarter;

Siruieors Complaint

fforasmuch as theire hath benn a Complaynt made this day Vnto the Town by the Surueyours Concerning spoyling

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the High way Lieing before Thomas Arnold his House Lott by Tho: Arnold Roling stones into the High way, the Saide Thomas Arnold hath Seuen days Tyme Limetted him to Remoue all

Touching Tho: Arnold

those Stones, and mend what hee hath marred, which if hee doth not ꝑform within the Tyme ꝑfixed; The Surueiours Shall then Comence an Action Against him, and bring him to Tryall according to Law: /

Jo^{n} Whiple Receiued

This day John Whiple Sen^{r} is Receiued into the Towne a purchaser to haue a purchase Right of Lands:

Land Phibeted to be laide out

fforasmuch as theire hath benn a bill exhibeted to the Towne this day by m^{r} Sayles, to this intent, that, that Land which Lieth betweene the two Bayleys Coues may Remaine Comon: ffor the Vse of the Towne; Jt is Therefore ordred by this ꝑsant Assembley; that all that Land Lieing bettweene the Two Bayleiffes Coues; Bounding on the west with the great Swamp on the East, with the Salt Riuer goeing Vpp to pautukett, on the north with the Land of Tho: Olney Jun^{r}, and to goe westard one a Streight line to the great Swampe, and on the South with the

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with the Small Runett which | Runeth | into that Bayliffes Coue next to What Cheare (on the place So Called,) Shall Lie Comon and nott be Laide | out | to any ꝑson:)

The Jndians Ans:

ffor as much as an Jndian Called (William, Allias Quashâuwaunamitt,) hath benn this day with the Towne Laieing Clayme Vnto Some of the Land belonging Vnto the Towne; his Answere is as ffolloweth (Viz)

Wee Judge wee haue Jntrest in the Land you Clayme, yett wee Shall ffurther inquire betweene this, and o^{r} next Quarter Court, of the Jndians which are Antient men both what Right yo^{r} ꝑ^{r}decessesors had on this Side pautuckett Riuer, if any, and also where it Lieth, and in the meane Tyme wee Cann Say no more, but you Shall here ffurther: /

Cloath Suspected to be Stoale

ffor as much as there hath benn an Jndian Lately Taken Vp on Suspition of Stealing of a ꝑcell of Treading Cloath ordered that the Cloath be deliuered into the Hand of the Towne Treasurer and that the Cloath be not deliuered to any without the Consent of the Towne deputyes, and in Cause the be nott Satisffied, Lett the matter be brought to the Towne att the next meetting: /

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Com^{rs} Chosen

At A Towne meetting Agust the 15th 1659 Tho Olney Sen^{r} Moderat^{r} Chosen ffor Comisioners to atend the Court of Comissioners to be held at portsmouth the 23^{d} of Agust 1659 are these

Will ffeild; Will Carpenter, Arthur ffen|e|r, Zacariah Roades, Lawrence Willkenson, John Smith: /

The Towne meetting

Att A Towne meetting September the 22 1659 Thomas Olney Senr modderator

A rate leuied

Ordered that a rate of Thirtye poundes be Leuied upon the Jnhabetantes of this Towne

men chosen to levie the Rate

Ordered that Three men shall be Chosen and added to the Town Counssell for the Levieng of the abovesaide Rate, and that the major part of the whole, being mett shall have full power to Levey the said Rate:

men chosen to add to the Towne Councell

Ordered that Edward Jnman, Thomas Walling, and James Ashton shall be Aded to the Towne Councel for the Leueing of the aforsaid Rate:

Tho Olney Senr to Sumons the conncell

Ordered that Thomas Olney Senr shall sumon together the Towne Councell and the other three men added unto them, upon munday next, for the Leueing of the aforsaid Rate:

Modderator Chosen

Att a Towne meetteing octobr the 8th 1659
Tho: Olney Senr Moderator:

jurey men chosen

Chosen for jurey men to attend the next Court of Trials to be Held at Portsmouth the jj of

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This instant it being on Tuesday next; are John ffeild, Henry Right, Edward Manton;

A Law Concerning Sergants

Where as this Towne of providence takeing notis, and is offended at the Neglect of the Sergant of this Towne, in not giveing attendance at the Towne meetteings to doe and performe duties according to the Costome of the Sergants in the Townes of this Colloney, in matters Concerning Theire office; Jtt is ordred by this present Court. That from this Tyme forward all sergants of This Towne shall att every Towne meetteing give his attendance in and upon the Towne Court: and what Sergant soever doth neglect so to doe, shall fforfitt five shillings for each Neglect, to be payd into the Towne Treasurey; /

Moderator chosen

Att a Quarter Court october the 27 1659
Thomas Olney Sen[r] Moderator;

jureymen chosen

Chosen ffor jurey men for this Quarter; Are Tho: Walling: Tho; Robertes, John Browne Samuell Bennett; James Ashton, Robert Collwell

John Smith Mason his Request

ffor as much as John Smyth mason hath this day put upp a Bill unto the Court, that they would consider him with a Right of Comoning; it is Therefore ordred by this Court that the said

John Smith shall have Libertey for ffeeding for Cattell, and Takeing of ffireing and ffenceing e^ct^: untill the Towne shall see cause to the Contrarey; /

A complaynt against John Clawson

ffor as much as there hath benn a Complaintt made this day by some of the Jnhabetantes unto this Court against John Closson for makeing use of the Comon; Jt is therefore ordred by this p^r^sent Court that the Deputeys, or Deputey of the Towne shall forthwith forwarne, the said John Closson to forbare in any wise to make use of any of the Comon; /

Moderat^r^ chosen

Att a Quarter Court Januarey the 27: 1659

Tho: Olney Sen^r^ Moderator

Shadrach Manton his Land

For as much as M^r^ Sayles layde out unto Shadrach Manton Severall percells of Land before the said Shadrach Manton had payde

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laid out by M^r^ Sayles

his purchase money, it is ordred By this Court that the said Laing out shall stand of force But shall not be any p^r^sident for the future; /

Tho Smith published

Thomas Smith hath this day declared his intention of marriage with Ruth Wickenden

jurey men chosen

Chosen Jurey men for this Quarter are Tho: Arnold: William White: Tho: Walling: Vall Whittman; Lawrance Wilkenson; Edward Smyth;

Adition of Land granted to Epenetus Olney

For as much as Epenetus Olney hath put in a Bill into the Court, that he may have halfe a pole in breadth all the Length of the Lott which he bought of Roger Mawrey, on the sowth side of it added unto it, upon this condition, that he Lay down so much in an other place, his Bill by the Towne is granted;

An order concerning Woolves

Jt is ordred that whosoever shall from this tyme forward kill any woolves, that they shall have for each woolfe, a halfe penny a head for each h|e|ad of catell, they who kill the Wolfe to gather it vpp;, provided they kill them within ꝑvidence Limetes;

Tho Smith published

Thomas Smyth hath Againe declared his intention of mariagge with Ruth Wickenden; /

an order for copies unto wim Harris

For as much as William Harris hath desired of the Towne that hee might have coppyes of severall paꝑs upon the Townes Charge, his Request by the Towne is granted

Jt is ordred that Tho: Olney Senr: William

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providence men and pautuxett men to meete

Wickenden; John Sayles: and Tho: Hopkins shall meete with some of Pautuxett men, to conffer consider and despose of matters concerning what hath benn Lately done with the Jndians

Concerning our plantations, and to meete upon munday com fortnight: and to bring in theire Result into the Towne

Moderator Chosen

Att A Towne Metteing March the 6t i659)60 Tho: Olney Senr Moderatr

jurimen chosen

Chosen for Jurey men to atend the Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the Second Tuesday of this Jnstant are these:

Tho: Walling
Edward Jnman
Valentine Whittman

John Sheldon published

John Sheldon hath this day declared his intention of marriage with Joane Vincentt:

the Towne Evidence granted to Wm Harris

ffor as much as William Harris hath this day desired of the Towne that he might have the Towne Evidence downe to Newport haveing ocation to use it at the Court

Jt is Therefore granted that the Clarke shall delivere the saide Evidence unto the said William Harris; and the said William Harris shall deliver the said Evidence unto the Clarke again saffely in Convenient season as the Towne shall see meette:

Henery Browne

Henery Browne haveing put in a Bill that hee may change foure acors of

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granted an Exchange of Land

Land, lieing in the neck which he tooke vp for a share of medow for as much land lieing vpon Neotaconcanitt River about a Mile aboue long craft his Bill by the Towne is granted

Edward Mantons Request

ffor as much as Edward Manton this day by his son Shadrach Manton; hath Requested of this Towne, as is (Affirmed by Two witnesses) that the Towne would take a course for the Settling of the True boundes of his Landes which lieth neere Neotaconkonitt hill; Jt is therefore ordred that William ffeild, William Harris, and William Carpenter together with Shadrach Manton shall goe and vew the Land and Boundes theireof and to bring in theire Report to the Towne: /

Moderator Chosen

Att A Towne Meetteing March the 26 in the yeare 1660 Thomas Olney Senr Moderator

ffences to be sett up

Ordred that all the ffences about this Towne that belong to the comon feildes shall be suffitiently fitted upp, betweene this and the 31 of this Jnstant at night:

Vall Whitt man to haue the high way

Jt is ordred that Valentine Whittman shall make use of that high way which lieth betweene that Lott which Richard prey bought of Robert Coles, and that Lott which Thomas Olney Senr bought of Willian Carpenter but the said Valen-

tine Whittman shall have the use of this high way but from the topp of the Second Hill and so unto the East end of the Said high way; and upon this condition; that the said Valenti

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= ne Whittman Shall make and maintaine a Suffitient fence with a paire of Barres for a cart to goe through at the west end of the said high way for foure years tyme, dureing which Tyme, the Saide Valentine Whittman Shall have the vse of the Land afor mentioned: /

John Sheldon published

John Sheldon hath this day declared his intention of Marriage with Joane Vincentt

Will Harris his Bill concerning the Land which was Lately confirmed and the Towne Voate

Vpon A Bill that William Harris put in whether the Towne would owne the line betweene providence and pautuxett to run betweenene the Two Rivers Wanasquatuckett, and pautuxett, of an equall distance Twentey miles acording to Caújánáqanettes grant or as ffarr as the men of providence, and the men of pautuxett see ffitt acording to the Rest of the other Sachims; the Voate carried itt that they would so owne it Twenty Miles:

The Clarke to draw up names

ordred that the Clarke shall draw up the names of the purchasers and the names of the five and Twenty acor men and to sever theire nanes destinctly:

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Att a quarter Court Aprill the 27: 1660

jurey men Chosen

Chosen for jurey men to serve for the Towne for this quarter are these Tho: Robertes, John Browne, William Wickenden Henery ffowler, James Ashton Tho: Clementt:

Tho: Olney Junr publish ed

Thomas Olney Junr hath this day declared his intention of marriage with Elizabeth March of Newport on Roade Jland it being the first tyme of publishing. /

Roger Mawrey his Grant of Exch ange of Land

for as much as it hath benn Graunted formerly, unto Roger Mawrey that hee should change 6 acors of Land which Lieth upon Wanasquatuck-ett playne for 6 acors of Land on the other side of Neotaconkonitt River over against Long Crafft, and also Three Acors of Land it being Low Land or meddow, in Lew of meddow, it haveing benn already taken up by Henery ffowler unknowne of the former grant unto Roger Mawrey, it is Therefore voated by the Towne that that the aforsaid Roger Mawrey shall have the afor mentioned Land Laid out unto him: / and What is taken out of that Land which was Laid out unto Henery ffowler the said Henery ffowler shall have it allowed him in another place,

for payeing of 30s to Cojanaquant es Son

Ordred that this Towne Shall give unto Caujanaquants Son Yáauáquaomitt 30 Shillinges in peauge, provided hee Sett his hand

unto the deede which his ffather Subscribed in owneing his ffathers *Act*

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Men to sett the Boundes Betweene the high way and Tho: Olneys Land

Ordred that Arthur ffener and Tho: Harris Sen^r^ shall sett the Boundes bettweene that Lott which Tho: Olney Sen^r^ bought of William Carpenter, and the high Way:

for Stateing the payment of mony

Ordred that John Sayles and William Harris shall state the matter Concerneing the payment of the money Lately disbursted for the confirmation of o^r^ purchase, and these aforsaid Two men shall Levey what Every man shall pay for his share both purchasers, and five and Twenty acor men:

for the drawing up A petition

Ordred that Thomas Olney Sen^r^ shall draw up a petition to ℔^r^sent unto the next Court of Comissioners to declare o^r^ Greivences and to Request of them that o^r^ Rate about the prison may be remitted:

Men to Sett the boundes of the plantation

Ordred that 6 men shall be chosen to goe next Second day com seaven nights and sett the Boundes of o^r^ plantation Twenty miles from foxes hill; Westward up in the Countrey:

the names of the men to sett boundes

Tho: Walling, Henery Browne William Harris, William, Wickenden John ffenner and Thomas Robertes are the men Chosen to sett the Boundes of the plantation as aforsaid and shall be paide out of the Comon charge foure Shillinges A peece,

| ℔ day | for Ever day they are out, and that they shall hire one

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Jndian for a guide on the Towne Charge,

Daniell Browne put in

ordred that daniell Browne shall goe about the Setting of the aforsaid boundes of the Plantation in the Room of Tho: Robertes, and Tho: Robertes to be Remited: /

Moderato[r] Chosen

Att A Towowne Meetteing May the 14 i660: Tho: Harris Sen[r] Modderat[r]

Tho: Olney Jun[r] pub lished

Thomas Olney Jun[r] hath this day declared his intention of marriage with Elizabeth March of Newport on Roade Jland, it being the second tyme of publishing: /

Com[rs] Chosen

Those who are Chosen to serue for Com[rs] to serve at portsmouth this Jnstant May are these William ffeild, Tho: Olney Sen[r], William Carpenter Arthur ffenner, Henery Browne & Tho: Hopkins:

John Smith Mason, his Request

John Smith Mason hath this day Resined up five Acors of Land unto the Towne the which Land the said John bought of Tho: Walling of providence, vpon Which, the Towne hath taken into consideration the matter, and hath considered him with foure Acors of Land to be laid

out unto him betweene the great Swampe, and the head of that ffeild, where on John Jones, and Lawrance Wilkenson

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there dwelling houses now stand provided it be no damage to high Wayes, or other mens Land;

Jt is ordred by this ꝑsant Assembley that the Boundes of this Towne of providence, shall be sett Eight Miles up the Streame of pautuckett River, begining at the Hill Called foxes Hill, and upon a Straight line west Seven Miles from the aforsaid ffoxes Hill *

An Order for the Boundes of the Towne for theire first devision. /

Jt is ordred by this ꝑsant Assembley That the Boundes of this Towne of providence | for the first devision | Shall be Sett, from the Hill Called ffoxes Hill Seaven miles upon a West Line, and at the end of the West line to goe upon A Strait line North unto pautuckett River, and upon A Straight line South unto pautuxett River, And all the Land beyond these Boundes ꝑfixed Acording unto or deedes to be disposed of as this Towne shall see Cause: Any former Law or Clause therein to the Contrarey notwithstanding /

A Coppie of A petition sent from the Towne unto the Court of Comissioners: / as ffolloweth: /

* This paragraph is crossed out in the original; but is thought sufficiently important to be printed.

To the Hon^rd Court of Comissioners Assembled at Ports-Mouth this ℔^rsant May: 1660: this Humble petition from the Towne of providence prayeth Audience

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Whereas there is A Law formerly made by the Comission Court of this Colloney, that Every Towne of this Colloney shall pay A Certaine Some, towardes the building of A comon prison at New-port, and the sum apoynted for the Towne of providence to pay towardes the said prison is 30^lb and the same being Earnestly called for by o^r Hon^rd M^r Benedictus Arnold ℔^rsedent, the ℔^rseding yeare, Wee the Jnhabetantes of the said Towne of providence well weigheing o^r state & Condition, the Estate of most of us being but meane & under so great disburstmentes which of late wee have benn put up on about building A Bridge, the charge there of amounting to 160: ^lb and this usefull not only for o^rselves, but for the whole Countrey And againe seriosly considereng that the prison at Newport will be no wayes beneficiall to us at providence, but rather as occations may offer themselves an agruation to o^r disburstmentes, the Towne of Newport being so farr from us that wee cannot with small charge Transport prisoners in the best time of the yeare, and not without maniffest danger in the winter season, and hapely not at all for many monthes together as is Evident in the Knowledg of all this Colloney by reason that the Rivers will be fast Locked, which said tyme before wee can transport them may prove more chargable to us the Jnhabetantes then the building of A prison Amongst o^rselves, which Eventes were not so well weighed and considered

neither by the then Comissioners, who made that Law of 30^{lb}, nor by us the Jnhabetantes of

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providence as now they are upon all which Considerations before Speseffied wee the said Jnhabetantes doe pray this Honrd Court, that the Law of 30^{lb} imposed on us the Towne of providence, may be caunsselled, and remitted, and not Exacted, promiseing this Honrd Court that such care by us shal be taken to secure o^{r} owne prisoners untill the time of Trialls, as shall no wayes be chargable to the rest of the Colloney, and A place to put any prisoners of this Colloney, as shall att the time of Trialls be brought amongst us when the Court shall be Kept in o^{r} Towne; Trusting that yo^{r} wisdoms will well weigh both o^{r} reasons and o^{r} Humble request wee Rest

The Jnhabetantes of provide*nce*
Subscribed by Tho: Olney Jun^{r}
Towne Clarke

Att a Court of Election the 4th of June, it being the first Munday; it being in the yeare 1660: Tho: Olney Sen^{r} Moderat^{r}

Tho: Olney Sen^{r} William Carpenter Towne Deputyes
Tho: Olney Jun^{r} Towne Clarke

Zacariah Roades, Tho: Walling Cunstables
Stephen Northup Sergant
Edward Jnman, Tho: Hopkins, Tho: Walling; To make up the Towne Councell

ffor Surveiors, Tho: Walling, Epenetus Olney:
M[r] Sayles Treasurer: /

ffor as much as Hannah Taylor hath this day made Request to the Town

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that they would consider her her condition with Respect un[ ] her Estate being left as A widdow; Jt is therefore ordred that the Towne Councell shall take the matter into consideration, and debate the same and bring in theire Result at the next Quarter Court /:

Att A Towne meetteing June the 28 i660 Tho: Harris Sen[r] moderat[r]

Jt is ordred that that pay concerning the Land of Aquidnesett, potaomitt with the Land Adjacent Subscribed by William ffeild William Balston, Benidict Arnold, Arthur ffenner, shall be Kept upon ffile, by the Towne clarke: /

Att A Quarter Court July the 27: 16[ ]
Tho: Olney Sen[r] Modderat[r]:

The jurey men chosen for this Qu[ ]rter, are Tho: Arnold: John Brown John ffenner: Samuell Bennett: James Ashton: Tho: Clementt: — William Carpenter of pautuxett hat[ ] the grant of the Exchange of Twe[ ]tye Acors of Land, which lieth neere Pautuxett Line; Ordred that Wim Wickenden, m[r] Sayle[ ] John Browne, James Ashton, Samuell Bennett, and Tho: Olney Jun[r] shall take into consideration and debate the matter how many may be accomadated within the Limettes of this pla[ ]tations, aloweing A sufficient quante[ ]

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of comoning, and bring in there Result to the Towne the next Quarter day:

At A Towne Meeteing Octob[r]
the ist i660 William Harris Modderat[r]:
Chosen for jurey men to Attend the Court of Tryalls to be held at Warwick the Second Tuesday in octob[r] i660: are These John ffenner Edward Smith, Daniell Browne: /

Comissioners Chosen to serve at Warwick at A Court of Comissioners to be held imediatly after the Court of Tryalls in october i660. are These Edward Smith, John ffenner, Daniell Browne William Harris, Arthur ffenner, Tho: Arnold: /

moderat[r] chosen

Att A quarter Court october the 27 i660:
Tho: Olney sen[r] modderat[r]: /
John Steere hath this day declared his intention of Marriage with Hannah Wickenden

Ordred that the jurey men for the Towne shall be chosen yearely | and stand for a yeare | any former Law to the contrarey notwithstanding:

Jurey men chosen for the Towne to, serve in cases concerning the Towne this presant yeare, are Vall: Whittman, Samuell Bennett: Epenetus Olney: Edward Smith: James Ashton, Tho: Hopkins: /

Ordred that upon A Wrighteing sent unto this Towne by m^r^ Roger Williams Beareing date, the the 27 of october 1660: That Tho: Olney Sen^r^ William Harris and Arthur ffenner shall draw up A wrighteing in Answere unto the Said

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Roger Williams his Wrghteing and it shall be sent unto him from the Town and shall be Subscribed by the Towne Clark

Ordred that, that Wrighteing drawne up by Tho: Olney Sen^r^, William Harris and Arthur ffenner shall be subscribed by the Towne clarke, and | be | sent unto m^r^ Roger Williams, in Answere unto the paper which he sent unto the Towne and A Copye Thereof to be Kept upon ffille: /

The Copye thereof ffolloweth: /

S^r^

Wee Received yo^r^ letter, and it being read in the Ears of o^r^ Towne, they considered this Answere. / That from these wordes in o^r^ Evidence taken by you, which are these; The Landes upon Moshausuck, and Wanasquatuckett; which Landes comprehend Musswasacutt c^tr^ : are o^rs^ alreadey, and when wee plant there Wee will Agree with the Jndians Either to Remove, or to ffence: / 2ly Where as you say the Jndians have subjected to the Nanheggansett Sachims when you bought the Land which wee now have, And yo^r^ Selfe propose yett to buy: And wee Know, that if wee lett goe o^r^ True hold already Attained, wee shall (if not o^r^selves) yett o^r^ posteretye) Smart for itt, and wee conceive herein that wee doe Truely

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understand what yo^{r} Selfe doth not, And if yo^{r} Aprehension take place, as wee hope it never will, in those yo^{r} proposalls, Wee happely may See what wee conceive You desire not, the Ruine of what you have given name to (viz) poore providence, As for the Natives complaineing, wee have not yet wronged them, any further then Satisffaction, that wee Know of nor Shall not, what there wronges to us are wee have hetherto rather Smoothered, then complained, yett wee must tell you that wee. Shall not be averce to any fayre gratuetye, Either to take them of of there ffeildes, or otherwise alwayes haveing Respect unto the act of the Sachims whome you have fformerly So much Honnored, And herein if you cann Acomplish wee Shall be ready to Asist with ffurther pay, upon o^{r} fformer groundes, otherwise wee shall not medle, And forbid any So to doe, Thus in Love, Though in Breiffe, Returned Wee rest yo^{r} Neighbours,

The Towne of providence

℔ me Tho: Olney Jun^{r} Clarke in the
Octob^{r} the 27 behalfe of the Towne
i660 To M^{r} Roger Williams These

John Steere hath Againe declared his intention of Marriage with Hannah Wickenden: /

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Ordred that all those Bills which were ℔^{r}sented, and not benn Spoken to, are Reffered unto the next Court: /

Att A Towne Meetteing De*ce*mber the 27th i660 Thomas Olney Sen*ior* Modderator: /

ffraunces Vzlington haveing ꝑsented A Bill unto this Towne, desireing to have A Residence amongst them for A Season his Bill by voate is graunted: /

This Towne haveing taken William Burrowes. his condition into consideration, they thought good to Send for mr Roger Williams, but hee not coming, only sendeth A paper, A Coppie thereof followeth, /

providence 17/8, 56: so called

Whereas William Burrowes by agreement was to pay 8 £ at his death to Henery Redock; Jt is now agreed that William Burrowes Shall deliver A Bill under his hand within A month after this date, to George palmer to deliver his Two Cowes to Henery Redock for the debt aforsaid, And the Said Henery Redock, Shall pay the Said William Burrowes 15 s. yearly in Butter, and Cheese at the comon price, So long as the Said William Burrowes shall Live: Also William Burrowes bequeatheth unto John, Son to the said Henery Redock his Three Score Acors of Land, And Meddow at neotaconkonitt: And all his movables and Debtes at his death unto Elizabeth the daughter of the said Henery Redock; And the Said Henery Redock hereby ingageth himselfe, his heirs to provide conveniently for the Buriall of the Said William Burrowes

Jn Wittnesse hereof both parties have Jnterchangably Sett to theire handes

in the presence of

Roger Williams

James X Reapes his marke

William X Burrowes
his marke

Henery Redock

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The Towne peruseing the aforsaid paper thought good to returne An answere unto m^r^ Roger Williams

A Copie there of followeth:

M^r^ Williams you both complained yo^r^ Selfe And also others unto o^r^ Towne officers, to take care of William Burrowes: Wee though it could no better be done, but in A publique Towne Meetteing, but wee having no Knowledg how Matters Stood with his Estate sent for you that wee might have benn fully informed, wee waited and only received A paper from you, which was no Satisfaction to us, And put us to A stand, And wee thinge that both Charetye to yo^r^ Neighbours, And William Burrowes, would have yelded us yo^r^ presence both with yo^r^ councell, and action; But wee are at A losse, As for yo^r^ paper we are Sorrey to See Such unwise passages, That A debt due after death, Should be payde out of his Estate whilst hee is yett living in A manner as wee conceive takeing Bread out of his mouth for wee judge it the princeple of his lively hood, And wee thinke if it had benn well managed might have given A good Stroake to his maintainance, And wee judg the Law will make them Keepe him while hee is living, that Should have his Revenewes when hee is dead; only one thing wee well perceive is taken care for (viz) an honorable Buriall, but wee find but litle honorable care for his Livelyhood; Sir wee desire you would take all in good part, wee intend no Evill but willing to give A hint as we find it, wee Rest:

Yo^r^ Lo: Neighbours
Tho: Olney Jun^r^ in the
behalfe of the Rest

December the
27^th^ 1660:

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Att A Towne Meetting January the: 7 i660

Tho: Olney Sen^r Modderator

Jt is ordred that the priosoner Waumánit shall be sent downe unto New-port to the Colloney prison, There to be Kept until his Tyme of Triall, And That for the charge of Transporting of him thither, Thomas Olney Sen^r shall disburst out of John Clawson his Estate, which the Towne Shall be acountable for upon due demaundes: /

Jt is also ordred that upon all ocations of disburstmentes concerning John Clawson which have already benn, or yett shall bee shall be payd out of the aforsaid John Clawson his Estate, and the Town to be Responsable upon all due demaundes: / and that the Said John Clawson his Estate shall be desposed on on by Tho: Olney Senior: /

Att A Quarter Court Januarey the 27^th i660

Tho: Olney Sen^r Modderator: /

Ordred that John Browne may change A six Acors which was Hennery ffowler's; granted that Tho: Hopkins may change A six Acors which Lieth by Wanasquatuckett River, and take it up in the Neck.

Granted to William ffeild that he may Change 60 Acors of Land, Which formerly belonged unto Hugh Buett: /

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Jt is Agreed That these Men, William Wickenden, William Harris, Zachariah Roades, William ffeild, Tho: Hopkins, George Way, John Throckmorton, John Browne, Arthur ffenner,

Tho: Olney Junr, Daniell Brow[ ] Tho: Clement, Hennery Browne | and | George palmer, shall Lay downe 21lbs at peauge 6 ℔ penney White, or Three ℔ peney Black, to pay for the Land at Aquednesett, and there About, not Excluding any Townsman of providence, that shall Bring in Theire money Bettweene This, and the first of March Next / other wise They which doe not, shall Relinquish thei[ ] Right: provided That this payment Doth not Relinquish The Title of The Narragansett Sachim

ffor as much as Those Who: have A Right in that ffeild which Lieth bettweene that ffeild whereon John Browne his dwelling howse now standeth, and the great Swampe, with som other Neighbours, have Requested of the Towne that they may Runn theire ffences from the feild where John Browne his howse Lott now Lieth | and the | other ffeild at the | East | End thereof, and so to inclose the high Way;

Jt is granted by the Towne, that those person[ ] shall have Liberty to Runn theire ffence from ffeild, to ffeild, provided that they Keepe A Sufficient inlett of Barres at Each End of the high way for A cart to passe Through And also not intrenching upon the high way

Jt is granted unto george Way, that he shall have A small percell of Land which he hath inclosed in his orchard haveing Requested it of [ ]

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Tho: Arnold his Bill is Reffered unto t*he* Nex quarter Day

John Steere haveing desired of The Towne That they would grant him A percell of Land for A howse Lot, on the West side of Moshosett River, neer unto Tho: olney Junr his ffive Acors:

Jt is granted that John Steere shall shall have his Bill Answered, on this condition, that it be no Damauge unto high Wayes, and also that it be no presedent for the ffuture, for any to take up Land on that Side of *the* River within the Boundes prohibitted

Ordred That John Whiple Senr have his Land Recorded in the Towne Book the which was laid out to him for his Towne Right, it lieing at, Loquasqussuck: /

John Smith the Mason haveing desired of the Towne A Small quantetye of Land Lieing neere unto the place Called Rehnold his Valley, his Request is granted, provided hee Exceed not Two Acors

Jt is granted unto Thomas Olney Junr that hee shall have that percell of Land which Lieth betweene his Land which is already Layd out, And the mill, on the East side of Moshosett River, for an Addition unto his howse Lott . /

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At A Towne Meeteing ffeburarey the 4th (i660) Tho: Olney Senr Modderatr

ffor as much as William Burowes Throug[ ] Age, and weakenesse standeth in neede of helpe for Releife, Jt is therefore

Ordred by this presant Assembley, that this Towne shall | take him into | theire Care to Releive him, and Also to Sarch out what Estate he hath, And to take it into theire handes and improve it for his Beniffitt: /

Ordred that the Towne send unto M^r^ Roger Williams to send in all the writeings, which concerne William Burrowes his Estate which hee hath in his hands.

The Copie of A Writeing Sent unto Roger Williams, As ffolloweth: /

M^r^ Williams This Towne hath Voted to take care of William Burrowes, The Towne there fore doth desire you to send all the wrighteinges you have in yo^r^ handes which concernes the Estate of the said William, as well Thomas Arnolds, and the widdow mans, as Henery Redockes, They cannot proseede ffarther untill the wrighteing^es^ Come:

from the Court of providence this 4^th^ of the 12^t^ Mo: 60:

Tho: Olney
Jun^r^ Clarke

Ordred that the Two Towne Deputyes shall Confferr with Henery Redock About those goodes, or Cattell which he hath Received of William Burrowes and bring theire Report to the Towne

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Ordred that the Moneys contrebuted Towardes the Releife

of William Burrowes, shall be but Lent, upon this Condition, That if any thing be left after the said William Burrowes his decease it shall be returned unto Every man, so farr as it Will goe Answearable unto what he hath disbursted: /

Ordred that the Two Towne Deputyes shall | seale | A deede for Shadrach Manton, of the Land which he hath Received of the Town

At A Towne Meeteing March the 9th 1660 or 61
Tho: olney Senr Modderatr:

These who are Chosen to serve upon the Grand inquest at the Genrl Court to be held at providence, the second Tuesday of this Jnstant are Tho: Arnold, Tho: Harris Senior, and Tho Robertes.

Those who are chosen to serve upon the pettit jurey at the Genrl Court of Tryalls to be He[ ] the second Tusday in this instant, are John Browne, Arthur ffenner, And Tho: olney Junior.

fforasmuch as Tho: Arnold hath desired to change a small percell of Land which he bought of Steven Northup, for another percell of Land which is comon;

Jt is thereupon graunted unto the said Tho: Arnold, provided that hee make, and maintaine A currant and passable way downe unto the River for water The Land taken for Exchange to be Laid out according unto the jugment of, and by Tho: olney Senr and John Browne;

Jt is granted unto Lawrance Wilkenson that he may Take up that ffive acor Lott which Christophar Smith Laid downe in the neck

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in Lew of all his Right which he hath yett to take up which is 13 Acors and A halfe

Jt is graunted unto Epenetus olney, that he may change his 60 Acors:

Jt is ordred that Three men shall be chosen and added unto the Towne councell for to order about the Estate of Samuell Comstock and John Smith deseaced, and that what the mager part of those shall order, shall stand in force, The Three men chosen are these, Arthur ffenner, John Browne and Hennery Browne

Ordred that Tho: Olney Junr shall demaund a Booke of Mr Sailes, for the Townes use, the which Booke is due unto the Towne upon Account;

At A Towne Meetteing March the 25: 1661
Tho: Olney Senior Modderator:
Jt is ordered that a rate of 35£ after peage 8 ℔ penney shall be leuied vpon this Towne to pay towards the Colony prison.

ordred that 9 men shall be chosen to Leavey the aforsaid Rate upon this Towne, and what the major part of them shall agree upon concerning the Levieng of the said Rate shall

stand in force; pitching upon A day to meete: the major part of them meeteing and agreeing shall stand in force as aforsaid

The men chosen to Leavey the aforsaid Rate are Richard Waterman, Tho: Arnold, Roger Mawrey John Browne, Tho: Harris Senior, John Whiple Senior, Tho: Hopkins, Zachariah Roades, Arthur ffenner:

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Ordred that the aforsaid men who are chosen to Leavey the said Rate shall meete together upon the 29th of this Jnstant, and shall have 10 dayes Libertye, from this day to ffinish the said worke. /

Ordred that the 2 Counstables shall demaund, and gather up the aforsaid Rate, and destraine upon The Estates of those who: will not pay

Ordred that if the Counstables shall neglect to gather up any part of the said Rate, Either by, demaunding, or distraing, or any wayes be defective, the aforsaid Counstables shall pay with theire owne money, what shall be omited to be gathered up by Reason of theire neglect

Ordred that the Counstables shall have 2 shillinges in the pound for what moneyes they distrain and the shall be paid out of theire Estates on whome it is distrained on

ordred that those who will pay in theire Rate ffreely without distraint into the Treasurey shall, shall bring itt in within 14 dayes after they have notice

ordred that the Counstable shall give notice unto all the inhabetantes to bring in theire Rate money, and shall give them notice with in 2 dayes after he hath Received his warrant and for that money, | which | shall be distrained shall, be brought in to the Treasurey within 6 dayes after the aboue mentioned 14 dayes: /

Ordred that the Counstables shall gather up the Remainder, of the former Rate, and accordingly to distraine,

ordred that Steeven Northup shall haue 3^{s} ℔ day at peauge 8 ℔ peney for attending the Generall Court of Trialls: it being 4 dayes

Jt is graunted unto Tho: Olney Jun^{r} * that he may change | his | 80 Acors of Land; / Jt is graunted unto John Smith, mason, hee may change his 5 Acors of Land: in the Neck

* This has apparently been altered by a later hand so as to read *Sen^{r}*; and it is copied *Sen^{r}* in the transcript made in 1800.

— — — — Wing desired of the Town to have residence amongst them, the Town hath granted him liberty to reside in the Town untill the beginning of the next winter, and no man shall be damnified for entaining him in his house: and if the winter shall begin on the middle of November next:

Ordered that —— —— a Committee —— shall have 1s. 6d. per day from the first before the Court sits untill a day after it is either broke up, or adjourned . . . . .

Ordered that Mr. Throckmorton, William ffeild, Arthur Venner, William Wickenden, Robert Williams, Thomas Olney be chosen for a Committee for the general Court now at Portsmouth, that is to be next.

Ordered that the fences about lots, fields be set up by the 10th. of March following, & Mr. Dexter and thomas Angell to be the two Men to view the the fences to see whether they be sufficient & the fine shall be 3s. 4d the day to those fences are not up after the aforesaid day.

Ordered that Mr. Throckmorton shall have the house and land that was Edward Cope's, or the land that is to be laid out with 2 shares of Meadow & that he shall either bring in a discharge for the Town from the Creditors of the said Edward Cope, or else that the said John Throckmorton shall pay into the hands

of the Deputies of the Town of Providence fifteen pounds in Wampum at or before the 15. of May next ensuing and shall thereupon have sufficient warrant for the peaceable enjoyment of the said house lands & Meadow. the 27, of February 1647.

Here the Seccond or Short Old Book, End which Once had Brass Clasps but Genneraly Called the Seccond Book or N° 2

APPENDIX

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1. The following extract from Staples' Annals of Providence, page 72, is here printed because of its reference to the copy of the charter of Providence, part of which still remains in the Second Book of the Town of Providence at page 70.

"1649. A special General Assembly was holden at Warwick, in March; there is no record however of their proceedings. In a letter from Mr. Williams to Mr. John Winthrop, he refers to the proceedings of this court. It seems that he was not present, and that the colony elected him Deputy President, Mr. Coddington having sailed for England with his daughter, in January. At the same session the following charter was granted to the town of Providence.

'Whereas, by virtue of a free and absolute charter of civil incorporation, granted to the free inhabitants of this colony of Providence, by the Right Honorable Robert, Earl of Warwick, Governor in chief with the rest of the Honorable Commoners, bearing date the 7th day of March Anno 1643, giving and granting full power and authority unto the said inhabitants to govern themselves and such others as shall come among them, as also to make, constitute and ordain such laws, orders and constitutions, and to inflict such punishments and penalties as is conformable to the laws of England, so near as the nature and constitution of the place will admit, and which may best

suit the estate and condition thereof, and whereas the said towns of Providence, Portsmouth, Newport and Warwick are far remote each from other, whereby so often and free intercourse of help, in deciding of differences and trying of causes and the like, cannot easily and at all times be had and procured of that kind is requisite; therefore, upon the petition and humble request of the freemen of the Town of Providence, exhibited unto this present session of the General Assembly, wherein they desire freedom and liberty to incorporate themselves into a body politic, and we, the said Assembly, having duly weighed and seriously considered the premises, and being willing and ready to provide for the ease and liberty of the people, have thought fit, and by the authority aforesaid, and by these presents, do give, grant and confirm unto the free inhabitants of the town of Providence, a free and absolute charter of civil incorporation and government to be known by the Incorporation of Providence Plantation in the Narragansett Bay, in New-England, together with full power and authority to govern and rule themselves, and such others as shall hereafter inhabit within any part of the said Plantation, by such a form of civil government, as by voluntary consent of all, or the greater part of them, shall be found most suitable unto their estate and condition; and, to that end, to make and ordain such civil orders and constitutions, to inflict such punishments upon transgressors, and for execution thereof, and of the common statute laws of the colony agreed unto, and the penalties and so many of them as are not annexed already unto the colony court of trials, so to place and displace officers of justice, as they or the greater part of them shall, by one consent, agree unto. Provided, nevertheless, that the said laws, constitutions and pun-

ishments, for the civil government of the said plantation, be conformable to the laws of England, so far as the nature and constitution of the place will admit, yet, always reserving to the aforesaid General Assembly power and authority so to dispose the general government of that plantation as it stands in reference to the rest of the plantations, as they shall conceive, from time to time, most conducing to the general good of the said plantations. And we the said Assembly, do further authorise the aforesaid inhabitants to elect and engage such aforesaid officers upon the first second day of June annually. And, moreover, we authorize the said inhabitants, for the better transacting of their public affairs, to make and use a public seal as the known seal of Providence Plantation, in the Narragansett Bay, in New-England.

In testimony whereof, we the said General Assembly, have hereunto set our hands and seals the 14th of March, anno 1648.

JOHN WARNER, Clerk of the Assembly.'

This charter was intended to strengthen the municipal government of Providence. To have been more useful, it should have prescribed a form of government to be adopted. There is no reference to this charter in the records of the town, neither a petition for it, nor acceptance of it. There is a copy of it in the city clerk's office, engrossed on parchment, which is now almost illegible. A similar charter, bearing date the same day, was granted to Warwick; and, it is presumed Portsmouth and Newport had like charters."

2. The following three pages of the First Book of the Town of Providence appear in the volume of manuscripts in

the possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society, entitled "Rhode Island Manuscripts, Vol. I., 1635–1687," at pages 1, 52 and 25 respectively.

The first is the page which the commissioners, from internal evidence, judge to be a part of the First Book, and to have formed probably the first leaf of that book. The writing on this leaf, down to the words, "Whereof ten shillings, &c.," but not including those words, has been retraced by some later and irreverent hand and it is not possible for the commissioners to be sure that the work has been correctly done. They venture to think, however, that the date "1635" was not part of the original writing.

The second and third pages are evidently what remains of those which were part of the book in 1800; and are copied from the transcript made in that year on pages 113 and 114 of Vol. I. of the Early Records of the Town of Providence. The lower part of the third page has evidently been lost since the transcript of 1800 was made.

Words and letters in italics are supplied from the transcript of 1800, as in other parts of this work.

[Rhode Island Manuscripts, volume I., page 1.]

y^e Last of 10^th mon. yeare so called 1635
R^d by me Roger Williams of John Greene } £ s
of y^e towne stock y^e full Sum of } 02 09

Roger Williams

J P^d to Ed: Cope: Bened Arnold & Geo: Riccards 00 13^s 00
Cash m^r Cole y^e Townes debt ____ 02
Stukely westcott ____ 10 00
W Harris ____ 01 10 08
Joshua Winsor ____ 00 10 05
Balance Jo: Throckmorton of M^r Williams ____ 2–01–00
[ ] towne fro M^r Cole ____ 2–0 –00
Stukeley westoct ____ 2–00–
W^m Harris ____ 1–00–00
W^m Wigghington ____ 0– 5–00
Receaued from m^r Throgmorton ____ 46^s
for ye vse of the townes
℔ me Tho: James
Whereof ten shillings geuen to Ezekiell Holim^n
for ye stocks & yis towne booke. /
Jtem 36 shillings left w ye [ ]
[ ] towne of ye neighbors. / *

*The words on the first line of this paragraph are struck through with a pen; and the words which were originally written in the spaces indicated by brackets are intentionally obliterated with a pen so as to be now illegible.

1639

M^du^: third month 13 die. it was agreed by
ye consent of ye towne yat by ye last
of ye mon y aforesaid ye Ramˢ shold be sen[ ]
away to ye Jland. and in case of L[ ]
of any of yem
it is to be borne by common charge

R^d^ of w^m^ Arnold toward the Payment of 22^s^ to w^m^
Harris _____ 0 03 0

J G: _____	00	00	10
R: W _____	00	02	01
J Th: _____	00	00	1
W. C. _____	00	00	10
[ ]	00		1

[Rhode Island Manuscripts, volume I, page 52.]

This Deede made the one and thirteen day
of may in the Yeare of our Soueraigne Lord
and Sauiour Jesus Christ, one thousand Sixe
hundred and Seaventie, 1670.

Witnesseth that I William Arnold of pa|v|tuxit
for good Considerations being thereby moued hereto,
Haue granted and Sould past and made ouer unto
*H*enry fouler Senior; all that parcle and portion
of meadow and Tussikey ground that is mine
*l*ying neere masshapauge betwene the like medo*w*
or tussikey Land that was once m^r^ Roger Williams
on the north parte therof; and the like meadow
or tussikes of William Carpenter on the South par*t*
therof; as also a little hill or knowle lying abov*e*
the said meadow betwene it and the afforesaid land
or meadow of William Carpenter well knowne
there by marks and Bounds; All Which
Said premises with the Apurtenances are now in
the hands tenner, vse, and occupation of the
sayd Henry fouler, To haue and to hold all and
singuler the said demised premises, to him his
Heires and Assignes for Euer, and that the said
Henery fouler his heires and Assignes shall *have*
all sufficient Egreese and regreese to Com an*d go*

to any of the said premisses with out the let,
hendrance or Deniall of me mine heires or
Assignes; Jn Witnes where of I here unto
Set my Hand and Seale
Signed Sealed and Deliuered
in the presents of viz

William
Arnold

Thomas Hopkins X his marke
Senior
William Hopkins

This Deede Enroled July 29th day [ ]6 [ ]
ꝑ me John Whipple juneior Clerke
of the Towne of providence:

[Rhode Island Manuscripts, volume I., page 25.]

The 7th of y^e^ 3^rd^ Mon: Calld May
1656 so calld)

At : a Court of y^e^ 3 Men Chosen by
y^e^ Towne to End small differences there
appeard before Tho: Olny | Tho: Harris & | Roger Williams

Samuell Bennet plaintiff & Henry Fowler
defend^t^
W^m^ Barrowes Plaintiff & Henry Fouler
defend^t^
W^m^ Barrowes Complaind y^t^ M^r^ Foote &
M^r^ Fowler had receaved sixteene shil
lings more then was due to him vpon account

Henry Fowler desired time to haue y^e^ booke now
at Boston examined & desired time vntill
y^e^ end of y^e^ next 4^th^ month, & promiseth to
repay the 16^s^ vnles by y^e^ booke it appears he

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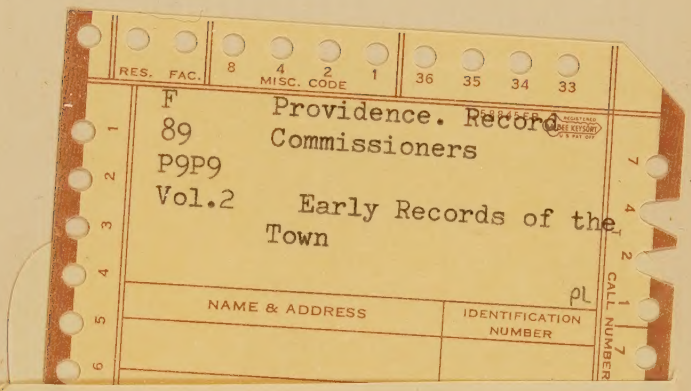

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